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Duchene Girds For Draft Day - And An Expected Top Three Selection

Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

Meanwhile his Battalion Jersey in support of Dawson's Dream is on Battalion website

The current bid for Matthew Duchene's battle-scarred Brampton Battalion team jersey stands at \$650.

The jersey is on auction at the Battalion website (battalionhockey.com) and will be until 7:40 pm on June 30th.

If Duchene - Haliburton's own rising star - is selected one, two or three, as expected on Friday night (June 26th) at the Bell Centre in Montreal, expect the bidding on his number 9 jersey to go hog wild.

Proceeds from the jersey sale are going toward the Dawson Hamilton Dream fund. Dawson is a Minden resident, Matthew's friend, and a nine-year-old cancer survivor. The auction was undertaken by the Brampton Battalion and Matthew as a special celebration of young Dawson's four-year struggle with cancer.

Dawson was diagnosed with chronic myeloid leukemia when he was five, and a year later he faced another diagnosis of acute lymphonic leukemia.

He's home now, but is coping with a long list of recovery strategies and the detritus from four years of intensive and acute therapy.

The Dawson's Dream Fund was envisioned by a cadre of Minden and Highlands's residents. People dedicated to providing Dawson and his family with the necessary accoutrements that will contribute to a healthy and invigorating quality of life.

You can bet that Dawson and the Hamilton family, along with most hockey fans in the Highlands will be watching at 7 pm Friday night as the NHL 2009 entry draft zooms into view.

This year's event is being televised nationally.

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No Ultimatums for Algonquin Highlands

Last week the Algonquin Highlands Council considered two options for their proposed expansion project at the Stanhope Airport. With a proposal by the Maple Beech and Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners' Association (MBC) on the table and a letter from MP Barry Devolin suggesting that the project be done in two stages, Council chose to take Devolin's lead and try to complete the same scope of work in two phases. Whether it will make any significant difference in how the project moves forward or it's all a matter of semantics remains to be seen as the number of unknowns at this point are considerable.

"It's a slippery slope to take the olive branch offered by MBC. We would lose all credibility." (Reeve Eleanor Harrison)

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LCBO Strike Averted - For Now

The LCBO and the Ontario Public Service Employees Union have decided to keep talking indefinitely, and keep their stores open. The major issue in dispute is the rights and benefits of the approximately 57 percent of the work force that are regarded as casual workers. At the moment those workers receive no benefits, no vacations, and no sick pay.

"Obviously we are not going to subject our customers to the inconvenience of a work stoppage just because the negotiations ran out of time," commented Vanda Klumper, chair of the union's bargaining team. "We would not be extending the strike deadline if we did not feel that we can reach a collective agreement through negotiation."

On Monday Ontario's drinkers bought \$17 million worth of booze on Monday, about \$10 million more than an average weekday in June. Ontario Liquor Outlets across the province were "a sea of empty shelves" on Wednesday as shoppers sought to stock up for what they feared would be a long, dry summer.

The good news for Haliburton is that the two agent-operated stores, The Hub in Carnarvon and the West Guilford Shopping Centre, would remain open in the event of a strike as long as supplies last. "We weren't wiped out yesterday, but our customers sure put a dint in our supplies," said West Guilford Shopping Centre owner Bill Burden. "But I don't think we'd be resupplied if a strike happened, so we'd be limited to the supplies we have on hand." The local agent stores are supplied by the local LCBOs, and, as The Hub's owner Eddie Yang told the Voice, "They certainly won't be supplying us if they're closed. But it's possible the LCBO might try and supply us directly from Toronto. We just don't know yet. We were steady yesterday, nothing like the two-hour lineups in Toronto, that's for sure."

The LCBO management has said it would do everything it could to keep certain stores running, using management personnel if necessary, but they would definitely not hire replacement personnel. Randy Robinson, another OPSEU spokesperson, said that they're ready to picket: "We won't stop someone from getting alcohol if a store is open, but we will let customers know what we are fighting for. We're going to try to stop the flow of alcohol by talking to the truckers and warehouses, by convincing them to not move the alcohol."



If the strike happens, here are the options for the thirsty.

Wines

Ontario has dozens of "Wine Rack Stores" which specialize in Ontario wines. Their website www.winerack.com has a store locator button, and also offers online ordering. Bracebridge, Lindsay, and Peterborough all have Wine Rack outlets. Another online retailer, www.wineryto-home.com offers a comprehensive wine selection, and promises in the event of a strike to deliver anywhere in Ontario.

Beer

The Beer Store will not be affected by the strike.

Wineries and Breweries

All Ontario wineries and breweries will remain open, and customers can visit them directly.

Duty Free

Anyone coming back from Europe or the U.S. can take advantage of the Duty Free shops.

Select LCBO stores and Cottage Country Stores.

The LCBO says it will keep select stores open during the strike, but at press time there was no indication of which those stores might be. Agent stores will also remain open while supplies last. Whether or not they would be re-stocked directly from Toronto is unknown at press time. ■

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Up From Pixar P.G. (Not in 3D)	4:25	6:45 & 9:05
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FRIDAY



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▲ 24° ▼ 14°

SATURDAY



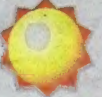
Increasing clouds, storms overnight
▲ 24° ▼ 14°

SUNDAY



Mostly sunny and pleasant
▲ 26° ▼ 16°

MONDAY



Mostly sunny and pleasant
▲ 27° ▼ 16°

TUESDAY



Partly cloudy and pleasant
▲ 28° ▼ 17°

WEDNESDAY



Chance of afternoon thunderstorms
▲ 26° ▼ 16°

AROUND THE REGION: A frontal boundary will slide through the area on Thursday and produce a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs will be in the upper 20s. Pleasant conditions will be experienced on Friday as skies will be sunny to partly cloudy with highs in the mid-20s. Clouds will be on the increase Saturday with a chance of thunderstorms Saturday night. Highs will be in the mid-20s.

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June 20, 2009

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Bonus Number 34

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June 19, 2009

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Bonus Number 13

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TROPICAL CITIES

City	Today HI/Lo/Otk	Friday HI/Lo/Otk	Saturday HI/Lo/Otk	City	Today HI/Lo/Otk	Friday HI/Lo/Otk	Saturday HI/Lo/Otk
Acapulco	31/25/ls	32/26/ls	29/25/cl	Montego Bay	30/24/ls	31/24/ls	31/26/cl
Antigua	31/26/pc	31/26/ls	31/26/su	Nassau	32/25/ls	32/26/pc	31/27/ra
Barbados	31/27/ls	31/27/ls	31/27/ra	Port au Prince	31/25/ls	31/26/ls	31/26/cl
Bermuda	29/23/ls	30/24/pc	30/25/pc	Puerto Vallarta	30/22/pc	29/22/ls	30/23/ls
Cancun	32/24/pc	31/24/pc	31/25/cl	St Thomas	31/26/pc	32/25/ls	32/26/pc
Curacao	32/26/ls	31/26/ls	31/24/pc	St Maarten	32/26/pc	31/26/ls	31/28/pc
Freeport	31/26/ls	31/25/pc	32/27/ra	San Jose, CR	28/21/ls	29/19/ls	31/21/pc
Georgetown	30/24/ls	31/24/ls	31/24/su	San Juan	31/26/pc	32/25/pc	31/27/ra
Havana	32/26/ls	31/25/ls	27/23/ra	San Salvador	31/23/ls	31/23/ls	31/22/cl
Key West	31/25/ls	31/25/ls	32/27/ls	Santo Domingo	31/26/ls	32/25/pc	32/25/ls
Kingston	32/26/ls	31/26/ls	32/31/dz	Trinidad	31/25/ls	32/26/ls	32/27/ls

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today HI/Lo/Otk	Friday HI/Lo/Otk	Saturday HI/Lo/Otk	Sunday HI/Lo/Otk	Monday HI/Lo/Otk	Tuesday HI/Lo/Otk	Wednesday HI/Lo/Otk
Bancroft	27/17/ls	24/14/pc	24/14/pc	26/16/su	27/16/su	28/17/pc	26/16/ls
Barrie	27/17/ls	25/14/pc	24/15/pc	26/16/su	28/16/su	28/17/pc	27/17/ls
Dorset	26/16/ls	24/14/pc	23/14/pc	25/15/su	27/15/su	27/17/pc	26/16/ls
Haliburton	27/17/ls	24/14/pc	24/14/pc	26/16/su	27/16/su	28/17/pc	26/16/ls
Huntsville	26/16/ls	24/14/pc	23/14/pc	25/15/su	27/15/su	27/17/pc	26/16/ls
Kingston	27/17/ls	26/14/pc	25/16/pc	26/17/su	28/17/su	28/17/pc	27/17/ls
Lindsay	27/17/ls	25/14/pc	24/15/pc	26/16/su	28/16/su	28/17/pc	27/17/ls
Minden	27/17/ls	24/14/pc	24/14/pc	26/16/su	27/16/su	28/17/pc	26/16/ls
Oshawa	28/18/ls	26/15/pc	25/16/pc	26/17/su	28/17/su	29/18/pc	28/18/ls
Ottawa	27/16/ls	26/13/pc	25/15/pc	26/16/pc	27/17/ls	28/17/pc	26/16/ls
Toronto	28/18/ls	26/15/pc	25/16/pc	26/17/su	28/17/su	29/19/pc	28/18/ls

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today HI/Lo/Otk	Friday HI/Lo/Otk	Saturday HI/Lo/Otk	Sunday HI/Lo/Otk	Monday HI/Lo/Otk	Tuesday HI/Lo/Otk	Wednesday HI/Lo/Otk
Calgary	28/13/pc	23/10/pc	23/17/pc	19/9/sh	18/7/sh	19/7/pc	21/8/pc
Edmonton	26/9/ls	18/7/ls	22/17/dz	17/9/sh	17/7/sh	16/7/pc	17/7/pc
Fredericton	26/16/ls	24/14/sh	24/16/sh	25/14/sh	26/14/ls	26/15/pc	25/12/ls
Halifax	26/17/ls	25/17/sh	18/14/dz	18/13/sh	19/14/pc	20/14/pc	20/14/pc
Montreal	28/17/ls	25/13/pc	25/16/pc	26/17/pc	28/18/ls	28/18/pc	26/17/ls
Regina	34/18/su	25/13/pc	24/11/pc	26/10/sh	18/11/sh	18/12/pc	19/12/pc
St. John's	25/17/pc	22/13/sh	10/10/cl	9/9/cl	11/9/ra	10/8/pc	9/7/pc
Saskatoon	31/14/pc	22/12/pc	23/12/pc	28/9/cl	13/10/sh	16/9/pc	17/10/pc
Vancouver	18/11/sh	17/11/pc	20/12/sh	19/12/sh	20/12/dz	20/12/sh	19/12/sh
Whitehorse	17/8/sh	14/3/sh	12/3/sh	11/3/ra	15/3/dz	14/2/sh	13/1/sh
Winnipeg	30/18/pc	24/14/ls	23/13/pc	28/13/pc	23/14/ls	21/12/sh	19/10/cl

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Last seven days	High	Low	Prec.
Monday 6/22	28°C	14°C	0.0 mm
Sunday 6/21	27°C	16°C	0.3 mm
Saturday 6/20	19°C	15°C	1.3 mm
Friday 6/19	27°C	10°C	0.0 mm
Thursday 6/18	20°C	13°C	0.0 mm
Wednesday 6/17	22°C	11°C	0.0 mm
Tuesday 6/16	25°C	9°C	0.3 mm

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SUN & MOON

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set
Thu.	5:28 a.m./9:05 p.m.	8:51 a.m./11:20 p.m.
Fri.	5:29 a.m./9:05 p.m.	10:12 a.m./11:44 p.m.
Sat.	5:29 a.m./9:05 p.m.	11:29 a.m./none
Sun.	5:30 a.m./9:05 p.m.	12:42 p.m./12:06 a.m.
Mon.	5:30 a.m./9:05 p.m.	1:54 p.m./12:27 a.m.
Tues.	5:31 a.m./9:05 p.m.	3:04 p.m./12:49 a.m.
Wed.	5:31 a.m./9:05 p.m.	4:13 p.m./1:12 a.m.

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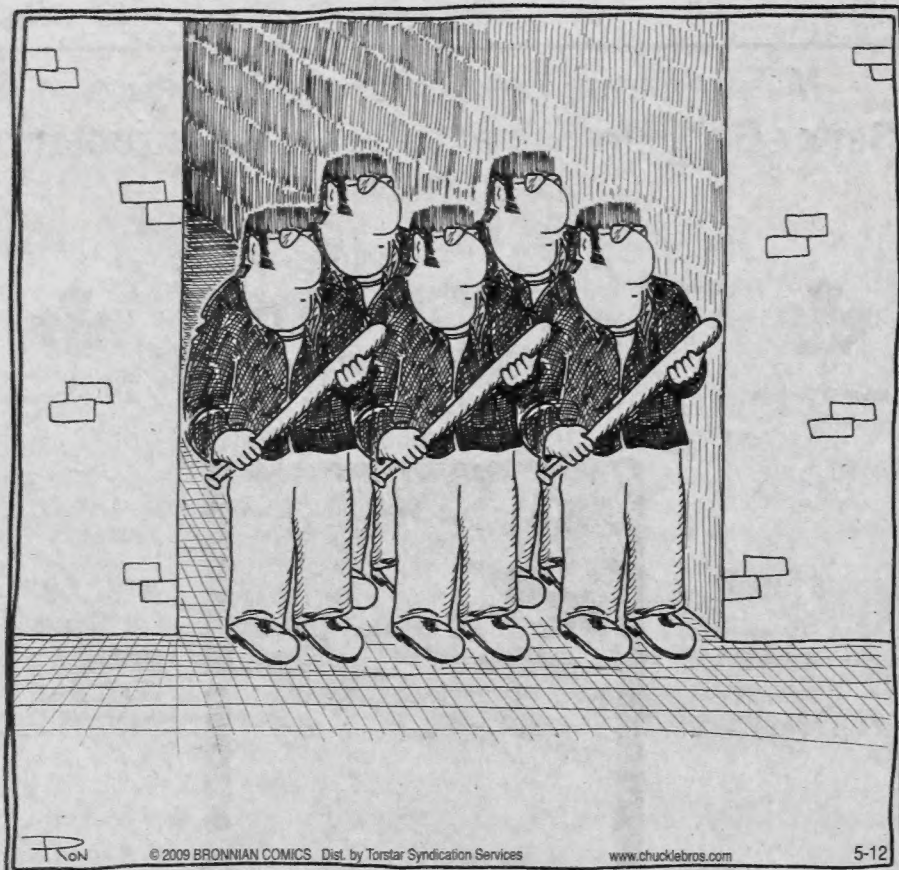


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Letter of the Week

Dear Editor:

Re: Dr. Sanio's Letter to the Editor.

I totally agree with the Doctor about the issue of Minden Hills needing a Pound. In essence the Animal hospital does provide this service with no legitimate compensation. It's like asking your mum for money - because you know she won't say no.

They do look after our lost animals exactly as described. I know because someone brought my dog to them when she got off her lead and wandered down the highway. I am very grateful for the kind person who picked her up on South Lake Road and took her in. I drove into the Hospital parking lot to bring them a flyer in case someone called them. Well, there she was, being walked in the back by one of the staff!

An authorized Pound would be largely self supporting. It would also keep animals safe and promote responsible ownership.

I don't complain with the way my tax dollars are spent. But this particular step out of the dark ages would be a good one.

Maybe some entrepreneur could offer the service with the auspices of the county. Maybe HCBD would have funding available for such a venture.

Ian Myers + Chancy ■

Editorial VIEWPOINT

by Stephen Patrick



Hello Summer – And Bring on The Crowds

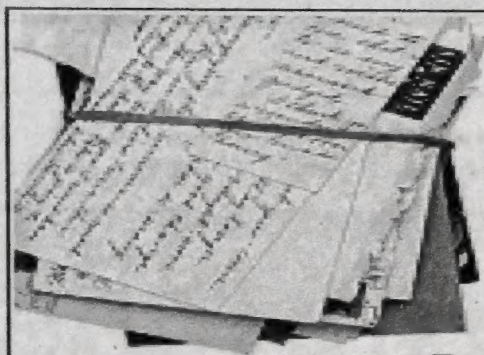
This week the solstice arrived, and for once the weather gods actually seemed to notice. May it continue to be so for at least three more months, if not four.

After a cool unforgiving spring and a long, cold and snowy winter, we deserve no less. For our local economy this is a critical summer. After the onslaught of the recession last fall and the resulting fall off in revenues since, businesses desperately need to pad their depleted bank balances in order to get through next winter. Early indications are that retail business is just holding its own, relative to last June – but no one's betting on the recession ending early.

Nevertheless, summer residents are coming back in droves. The three cottage associations' annual general meetings we've attended so far have seen healthy turnouts, with keen interest in both the political and social aspects of life in the Highlands (not to mention the bears, geese, raccoons, and wolves). Lake Plans are high on their to-do lists, along with the usual concerns about water quality, speed boats, and lake levels. Some of the cottage associations have not been as keen as others to get involved in the Coalition of Haliburton Associations that the Voice has been reporting on over the past few months. There's still a feeling among some of the associations that they should stick to their own local concerns, and back off a little from the sometimes divisive political action that the Stanhope Airport controversy has generated. Not everyone wants to experience the rough and tumble of municipal politics at every turn. After all, the cottage is supposed to be a place where you relax, re-connect with family, swim, boat, read, barbeque, lie on the dock, have a cold one, sip a Lillet, swat the bugs, and say hi to the loons. Serious political action sometimes has to take a back seat to the more gentle realities of a Haliburton summer.

The advent of summer also showcases the astonishing number of events and activities available: day programs from our camps, the Haliburton School of the Arts, the art galleries, the Haliburton Forest Reserve, Youth Unlimited, cottage associations, and municipalities, all are offering enough programs throughout the summer to keep the most hyper-active child or adult occupied day in and day out. This writer remembers when the only non-lake activity available was an exciting journey to the village for a piece of apple pie and a milkshake in a booth at the Kozy on Thursday afternoons. The way we looked forward to those treks you'd think we were going to New York. (Nowadays the burning issue around many a cottage dinner table is when on earth high-speed Internet is going to arrive.)

But yet, at these association meetings you can still feel how magical an experience cottaging is for so many families, and just what an irreplaceable part of their lives it represents. There's no going back to any good old days, real or imagined, but there's really no need to. They're still alive and well, in the fond and loving gaze of summer residents as they look out at the beautiful lakes and forests across the length and breadth of Haliburton County. Time to welcome them all back – and say beware, the mosquitoes are particularly fierce this year (no matter that we say that every year) and the lake levels, ditto, are sky high. Summer's back – lazy, hot, and full of gentle promise. ■



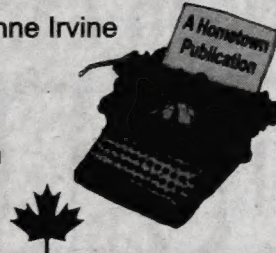
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The Highlander Rants By Terrance Seamus Gavan

Father's Day and a View of Life from the Bottom of a Bathtub

We can choose our friends but we dance with the Dads that bring us

Every Father's Day, melancholy memories slide across my stilted psyche. People who knew my Dad ... who really knew my dad ... loved him. I really knew my Dad.

Phillip Anthony Gavan, PA or Phil for short, grew up in Ottawa's Lebreton Flats, part of a large and extended Irish Catholic family. He came home after the Second World War, popped a government job and toiled in the Ottawa bureaucracy as a civil servant for the rest of his life.

I first realized there was something "a little different" about my Dad the summer I turned seven.

We were living in Ottawa's Sandy Hill, and my mother was in intensive care after suffering the first of her three major coronaries. Dad didn't handle stress well.

I was home one Saturday when Dad came back from the hospital. He was dressed as always in white shirt, tie, neatly pressed navy pinstriped pants, and gleaming black patent leather spit and polished Dack's shoes.

It was Saturday, so he was also wearing his favorite black Fedora hat with the bright red feather. Dad was a big fan of Punch Imlach and Slammin' Sammy Snead – both were Fedora fans. Dad winked and took some time to assure me that Mom was going to be okay.

I could smell the faint whiff of vodka and I noticed the six-pack of O'Keefe's ale on the fridge. Dad was a little unsteady on his pins. I knew he had stopped to commiserate with some of his friends at the Bytown Tavern on his way home from the Ottawa General.

I was under the strict and loving care of the O'Banyon family, who lived upstairs. Mrs. O'Banyon was raising four kids on her own. I was always welcome, and mom had made sure that the O'Banyon's would be taking good care of me while she was in hospital.

I looked at dad, who was not his usual jovial self. My mom's heart attack had taken a toll. He looked sad. I told him that I was heading out to the Sandy Hill diamond to play some ball. He nodded, said he might join me later.

I came home an hour later. I was worried and I remember running home. Something about that blanket hole in Dad's eyes. I walked in the door. The television was on but no Pops. I looked around the apartment.

Then I heard it. Muffled laughter coming from the bathroom. "Hey Terry, come on in and give your Dad a hand."

I walked into the bathroom and there, in the tub, my dad. He was still wearing the Fedora with the bright red feather, black patent leather shoes glistening, starched white shirt and impeccably drawn tie. And my pops was stuck, flat on his back in the bottom of the empty bathtub. He had his hand out, waiting for me to offer a lift out of his predicament.

I was seven. I did what most seven-year-olds would do. I broke up. I was laughing so hard that my sides started to hurt. Pops did what he always did. He joined in. We laughed for two minutes.

I finally mustered enough self-control to get up and I remember saying, "C'mon dad, get outta' the tub."

But he couldn't. So I grabbed his hand and I hauled him out. He was unsteady and wobbly when we finally got things sorted.

We were both still laughing when we went up to the O'Banyon's for supper that night. But something had changed between my dad and me. It was my awakening. I knew from that point on that there was something special about my Pops.

That exact same bathtub scenario played out another four times while Mom was recuperating in hospital. Something about alcohol intake and the dimensional feng shui of that Sandy Hill bathroom conspired to place my Pops in constant porcelain jeopardy. I lifted him out another three times.

The fourth time, I remember I stepped in just long enough to see him on the bottom of the tub. I yelled in and said, "Look Pops I'm goin' out to play some ball, you figure it out for yourself." I went to the diamond, but I remember begging off after half an hour, because I was worried. I snuck into the apartment and Dad was passed out in front of the television, hand curled around an O'Keefe's Ale.

Dad died on Christmas Day 1973, in the Intensive Care Ward of the Ottawa General Hospital. He died, in a coma, suffering from the lingering legacy of alcohol-induced cirrhosis. His liver finally just stopped coping, and he passed at 3 a.m. on a Christmas Day.

Alcoholism is a very confusing disease. My mother and I hovered around the fringes of Pop's illness for 18 years, through the treatment centers, electro shock therapy, and the final throes of that lingering depression.

My mother and I became co-dependants, fellow travelers and enablers. I never invited friends to my house. I was always a little embarrassed.

I know today, after attending some ACOA (Adult Children Of Alcoholics) sessions, that my embarrassment started that day, when I was seven, and first saw my Dad, dressed to the nines, in the bottom of a bathtub.

I think back today and I can smile.

Because, of course, I had it all wrong. I am not responsible for the actions of others. I never was.

You can't choose your family. All you can do is love 'em.

Tough lessons. Hard nuts.

It's Father's Day 2009: Today, I can remember the good things about my dad. No remorse. No embarrassment. No resentment.

I remember my pops teaching me to catch. To ride a bike. To throw a horseshoe. To run, to skate, and to strive and to excel. I remember he was there at my high school soccer, football and basketball games.

I remember above all, that humor and that squint of Irish in his eyes.

I know today that a deadly disease, and not a moral defect, took him to an early grave.

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More Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Re: Barry Hart's Letter

With your statement that the prevailing tail wind around the hills decreasing performance is like me complaining I can't drive on our roads when it is raining so I want canopies put over the roads so I can drive on them. Maybe I should hand in my licence instead.

I believe 85 percent of this county do not use the airport and if the airport needs fixing or expansion, the 15 percent that use the airport and will directly benefit should pay for it. The airport does absolutely nothing for me and my family and friends. I know if I need medical attention, I can be flown out from the hospital.

I do not begrudge repairs or whatever to the airport, just don't make me pay for it through taxes. Up in this northern community for our taxes we do not have garbage pick-up, buses, sewers etc. I presume our taxes are paying for mail delivery only.

Our lives are at risk because the bears are running loose and calling the MNR is a joke since they claim family pets in the house are aggravating the bear by my deck. On Halls Lake, there is a mother and three cubs nightly scrounging for food and now about a two year old male has joined them. They have done some serious damage in this area and the MNR have yet to show up after three calls being placed.

I would rather pay for more services for the underprivileged citizens in this county and safety measures in the community than putting good money towards something that would only benefit the minority.

Rose Cummings - Halls Lake - ■

Dear Editor:

"... Then he would not have to blame his bad judgment and poor manners on a Clergyman."

We are among the many, long time summer residents who turn north from Thornhill at first snow melt to share with friends another pleasant season at the lake. The appearance of your County Voice seemed a welcome addition for our need to catch up on the latest news and happenings in Haliburton.

What ever would possess you to devote a half-page of the June 4th, 09 as well as the June 11th editions to a "RANT" when both of these columns were more and more of the same pathetic excuse for expressing in print nasty, denigrating remarks about the good people of our most easterly province properly referred to as Newfoundlanders? To defend the stupid notion that abusive humour is acceptable under the guise of providing guidance to mental health and emotional balance is ludicrous on its very face.

As a Registered Nurse in a Toronto hospital, I have gained over the years a clear picture of the value, and the appropriate time when a funny story can benefit a patient. The use of vitriolic put-down language by your writer does however suggest he has a very fragile ego and grace insecurities. Had he taken a few classes at a Newfoundland school he would have learned the true meaning of humour and how it be applied with great skill.

Then he would not have to blame his bad judgment and poor manners on a Clergyman.

Phyllis DeGrace - Minden. ■

Dear Editor:

"I hope the loggers of this county will join forces and raise hob with these misguided Canadians."

The tree huggers have hit Haliburton County with a double whammy over the last two years. They have been belly-aching about no uranium mining in the county – as a matter of fact, if they had their way they would close every uranium mine in Canada. They want to close every hydro plant that uses uranium to produce at least 50 percent of the power we so desperately need to drive our industry and heat our homes, etc. The medical field depends on products made at facilities like the one at Chalk River, but the tree huggers want to close them too. Haliburton County needs jobs and there's no reason why uranium mining cannot be done safely, providing hundreds of good paying jobs.

The second whammy is the province's Endangered Species Act. The tree huggers want to make it nearly impossible for our friends and neighbours who are in the logging business to make a living. They are more concerned about the hog-nosed snake, five-lined skink, the Blanding's turtle and ginseng than they are about those hared working men who strive every day to make enough money to put food on their family's table. I hope the loggers of this county will join forces and raise hob with these misguided Canadians.

Sincerely - Dave Switzer. □

The Highlander Rants Cont'd...

...from pg. 5

I know today that my pops loved me.

I know today that I never stopped loving him.

I know today that resentment has no place in a healthy life.

Every year on Father's Day, I get dressed and lie on my back in a bathtub.

I lie there staring at the ceiling until the laughter

comes.

Mixed with some tears.

And every year, as I scrunch closer to pension.

It gets harder and harder to get out of that damn tub.

Happy Father's Day Pops!

Love always. Terrance. ■

More Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Re: Devolin Steps Into Airport Mix

While it is at least a step in the right direction for our MP, Barry Devolin, to finally acknowledge the rising tide of opposition to the expansion proposal at the airport in Algonquin Highlands, it seems that the main point continues to elude his grasp, precisely as it eludes the grasp of the local level of government.

Mr Devolin's proposal to Algonquin Highlands should not be seen as any kind of movement toward or advocacy of compromise; it is nothing of the sort. Our MP is concerned only that money be spent, not that it be spent sensibly, or in a manner that recognizes the desires of the people, just that it get spent. That is his and his government's measure of success. All that was proposed was changing the name and form of the project being so widely and justifiably opposed.

This suggestion or proposal letter recognizes, to some extent, that there is serious opposition to the plan but otherwise mentions nothing about reasons for it or its extent and nature. Mr Devolin has met and communicated with representatives of the MBC, and is surely aware that opposition to the expansion project is not limited to a single interest group. He is surely aware that the County and the other townships have voiced their lack of support.

Mr Devolin asks for direction from Algonquin Highlands and affirms his belief that it is his job, as MP, to support local governments and the priorities they identify for their communities.

Under more usual circumstances, this position would seem reasonable, but when the mass of evidence over such a long period indicates that the priorities of part of this local government are so deeply at odds with those of the community that elected them, and him, then he might want to reconsider this

approach to democracy. Mr Devolin should perhaps try setting an example by listening to the people at large.

The vote by the majority of Algonquin Highlands council at last Thursday's meeting was a vote to continue on the same path as has been established, with the only difference being that this path is very likely to add costs to a project that those who oppose it feel is already too expensive. (Early in this process, the Reeve and CAO estimated that undertaking the rehabilitation and expansion portions of the improvement together would save about \$100,000. I won't hold them to those numbers, but we can agree that it will cost more.)

The comments by some of the councillors during discussion leading to this vote were an indication that those people's contemptuous attitudes towards those who would voice opposing opinions are also unchanged as well.

Whether we agree on the definition of ultimatum or not, what has been suggested by the MBC is good, reasonable advice that requires only that the council look into it. To state that the opposition to the expansion portion of this plan will continue, and continue at the highest levels may sound like a threat to some, but it is merely the truth of the situation: people who feel threatened fight.

A plan that includes a second runway is unacceptable to and will be opposed by a huge portion of the rate-payers of the township. Not a single thing has changed.

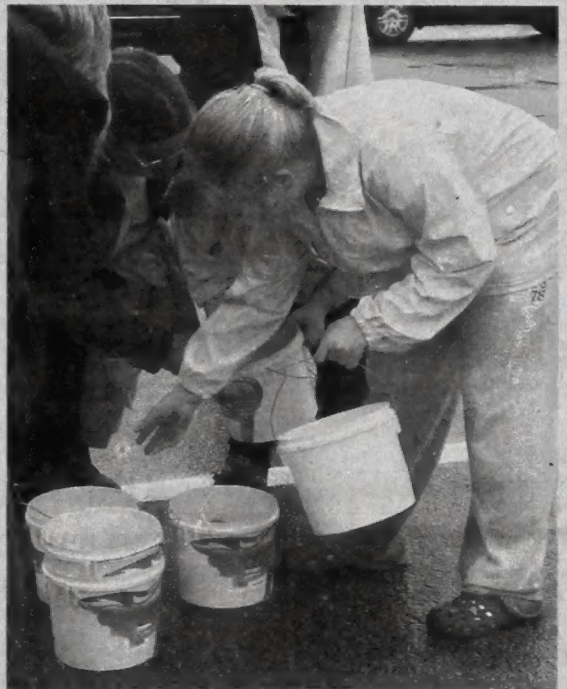
This change of approach does open the distinct possibility that expansion will be rejected for funding, but rehabilitation accepted. If that is the way it works out, there will be reason for rejoicing in the "NO" camp, but it would be far better were the new runway proposal to have been dropped forever long ago, for all the good reasons that have been put forward over the past years.

If opposition to the staged project as a whole means that perhaps nothing gets funded, well, I wouldn't want to threaten anyone.

Andy Muirhead - Little Cameron Lake. ■

Torch Relay

The Special Olympics Haliburton Red Wolves Team along with supporters and an OPP escort continued their county torch relay through Minden on Saturday. The group is raising funds to support local athletes competing in Special Olympics events. ■



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New to the County!

Duchene Girds For Draft Day – And An Expected Top Three Selection

... from pg. 1

Duchene, John Tavares and Swedish defenseman Victor Hedman are expected to go one, two three in the draft.

NHL scouts pick Duchene as the best skater and the brightest of the three. Hedman's fate rests with a team's need for a quality blueliner. Tavares is and always has been the projected number one forward in the draft.

However, nothing is written in stone.

Pierre LeBrun is a well-known hockey commentator and blogger.

As the draft melts down to the wire, LeBrun has been doing the de rigueur digging.

LeBrun wrote recently: "The New York Islanders know whom they'll take with the first overall pick in the 2009 NHL draft. But the rest of the world won't find out until GM Garth Snow steps up to the podium Friday night in Montreal."

Muddying the crystal clear waters is Garth Snow.

In fact Snow told ESPN last week that he's not telling.

The consensus among scouts for the No. 1 overall pick is the London Knight's zinging sniper, Tavares, followed by Swedish blueliner Hedman at No. 2 and Matthew at No. 3.

But as LeBrun is quick to point out, "the Islanders have spent time with all three." And adding a bit of intrigue to the mix, player agent Pat Brisson of CAA Sports, represents both Tavares and Duchene.

Brisson said Monday he still didn't know where the Islanders were leaning.

"I haven't spoken to Garth in a while," Brisson told ESPN.com. "I'll probably see him Wednesday. But I really don't know what he'll do. He's playing it close to his vest."

"When the lottery happened [April 14], I had an idea of what direction we would go with that pick just from meetings and conversations I've had with my staff," said Snow. "We decided to go through the entire process from that point until now. As a staff, we did our due diligence and we confirmed what I had thought at that time."

The fact that remains is Tavares and that long and storied past. That dabble with fame began well before he turned 14.

That no-miss, can't-lose label was bestowed upon him by the draft gods well before this, his 2009 draft year.

If Snow was to run outside the box, he would be facing the wrath of the Islander faithful, all of whom have been looking to Tavares as the second coming of Mike Bossy.

"The backlash in his market, I think, would be sizable," write LeBrun. "Isles fans have been talking up Tavares since Christmas. Whichever player Snow and his staff have settled on, it's been decided on after careful deliberation."

In Newsday on Monday Snow was again pestered for information.

"Snow remains mum on which of the three he favours, but he has cautioned that he won't be ruled by popular opinion," wrote Newsday reporter Greg Logan. "He's hoping his choice won't receive a rude welcome to Islanders country no matter who it turns out to be."

Asked about the potential for negative fan reaction at what figures to be a mega-event for the club, Snow told Logan, "I appreciate the interest and the passion of Islanders fans, but [the draft party] doesn't have a bearing on what we do. There needs to be a level of trust with the fans and myself and the organization that whatever decision we make is in the best interests of the club."

"The first three picks have separated themselves," says Michael Oke, the chief scout for International Scouting Services (ISS). "Then, the next five to seven, everybody has a different opinion (as to where they'll go)"

Oke told Sun Media's Don Brennan (Winnipeg Sun) recently that there should be no infiltrators into the top three territory inhabited by Tavares, Hedman and Duchene.

"John is a special player," said Oke, who coached Tavares in Oshawa before joining ISS three years ago.

"It's human nature to put a kid on a pedestal, saying that he does this, and this is what he doesn't do, but I think they've started to pick him apart a little. I don't think there's another kid in this draft who has played as much as he has the last two years. And every time he's been challenged, he's met the challenge."

The 6-foot-6, 212-pound Hedman is a unique specimen who, because he played well and scored 21 points in 43 Swedish Elite League games this season, should be NHL-ready.

"Maybe he had a disappointing (world junior) tournament in Ottawa, but the season he had speaks for itself," said Oke, who thinks Hedman can become another Chris Pronger if he can develop a nasty streak.

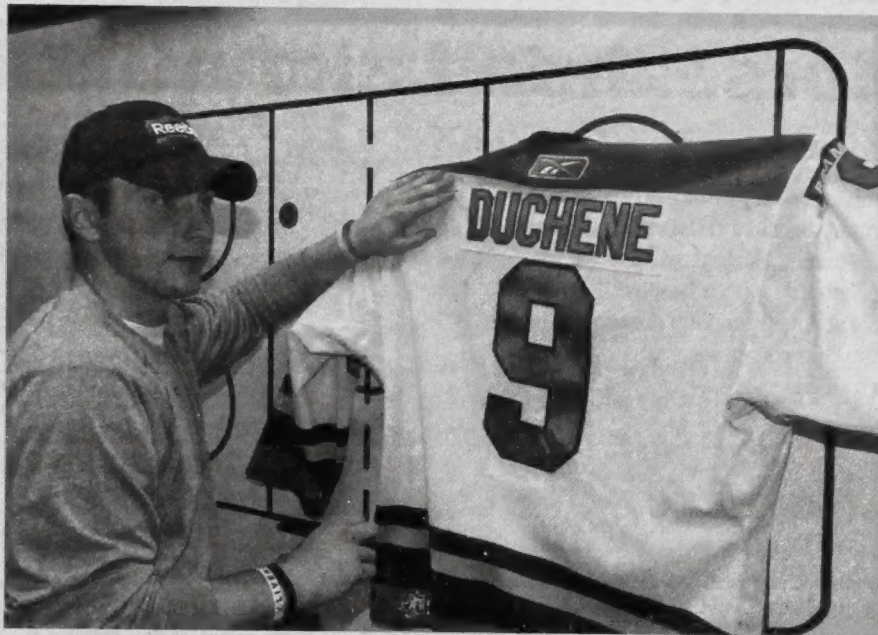
Oke calls Duchene "a dynamic two-way player."

"The big question is, how many of these guys can play (in the NHL) next year," said Oke.

"With the Collective Bargaining Agreement, it seems every year guys are making the jump. (Duchene) is a guy that could potentially be at that next level next year. If he goes to Colorado, where they potentially have some holes to fill, because he can play in his own end, he's not going to be a huge gamble."

The biggest night of Matthew Duchene's life starts tomorrow at the Bell Centre in Montreal. Ironically, the home of his favorite NHL team.

Check your dish antenna and tune in at 7 pm. ■



The current bidding stands at \$650 for Matthew Duchene's white 2008-09 Brampton Battalion sweater. The sweater is up for grabs on the Brampton Battalion website – at battalionhockey.com. The auction closes at 8 p.m. on June 30. All proceeds are to be donated to Dawson's Dream, a charity set up for nine-year-old Dawson Hamilton, a resident of Minden, Ont., who has battled leukemia since 2005. Duchene hails from Haliburton, northeast of Minden. "He's a great kid, and I'll do anything I can to support him," said Duchene, 18. "Dawson and his family have been going through some tough times for a while. I've got to know them over the last few years, and he's a brave little guy."

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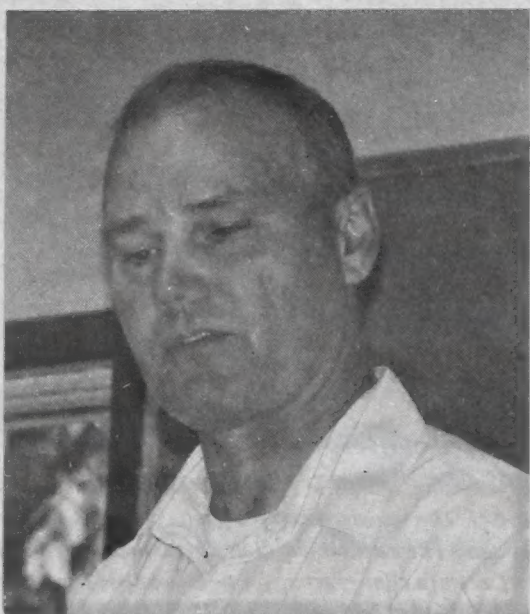
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Horseshoe Lake AGM – Business As Usual

Stephen Patrick
Editor

The Horseshoe Lake Property Owners' Association (HLPOA) held its Annual General Meeting last Saturday with a healthy turnout of about 50 people. There are almost 300 cottages and permanent residences on Horseshoe Lake and almost 90 percent of them are signed up members of the HLPOA. This impressive number is perhaps a reflection of the fact that Horseshoe Lake has one of the oldest cottaging histories in Haliburton, and as well was home to many farms and permanent residences.

Association President Jim Ross first welcomed Minden Hills Councillor Lisa Shell, who began by giving a short summary of the major issues her council has faced recently, including the commitment of Canadian Tire to start work, she hopes, on their store by this fall. She also reiterated



The MNR's Gerry Moraal

about the "ugly black sheeting along the river" (it stays, as per MNR orders, until the vegetation along the river is stable).

The meeting then welcomed Gerry Moraal and Nikki Latanville from the MNR to give the cottagers some background and advice on the current plague of geese, and what's perceived to be greater than usual numbers of bears in the woods. Moraal gave a short, and depressing, history of how the Canada geese have multiplied from approximate 2000 breeding pairs in the late 1970s to approximately 91,000 breeding pairs in 2006 and how they will be doubling that figure every six years. Moraal outlined the measures cottagers could take to keep the geese off their properties, most notably by letting natural vegetation grow up along their shorelines. Latanville answered many questions

council's concerns about the mess that was once the Brown Owl restaurant and gas station and assured the group that Canadian Tire has promised to something about it sooner rather than later.

Councillor Shell also gave some facts and figures about this year's deficit, citing the overage of \$153,000 in the roads department due to the severe winter, an unexpected \$90,000 in policing charges, and a \$60,000 overrun for the Arena renovations. She also explained how the new floating dock would work this winter for the sledgers, and answered questions

Lake in the old Hinden township has virtually emptied over the past few years as the deer now browse up and down Highway 35 at various feeders.

Jim Ross then brought the group up to speed on the effects next year's G8 summit might have on the area, with particular reference to the number of protest groups who are already trying to book resort and rental accommodations for their members. Ross wanted to warn cottagers about potentially 'undesirable' tenants, although he admitted that "some of my old friends and colleagues might be among them." He also said he'd heard, but hadn't confirmed, that Highway 35 north of Carnarvon might be closed to all but residents and their families during the summit. He also said it was almost certain that the highway would be constantly patrolled by helicopters as well.

Bill Comfield, chair of the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF) reported on their attempts to have the Trent Severn Waterway provide cottagers with a two-week projection on water levels. The current electronic level reporting system is accurate, he said, but the projections were really the key for cottagers trying to manage their docks, etc. He also paid tribute to the hours of work Bonnie Fleischaker has put in over the years on the committee.

Mike Hunter reported on his efforts to upgrade the website, as well as the Lake Plan. Some members wanted to know exactly what input they might have with the Lake Plan, and were reassured it would go to a full membership review before any recommendations

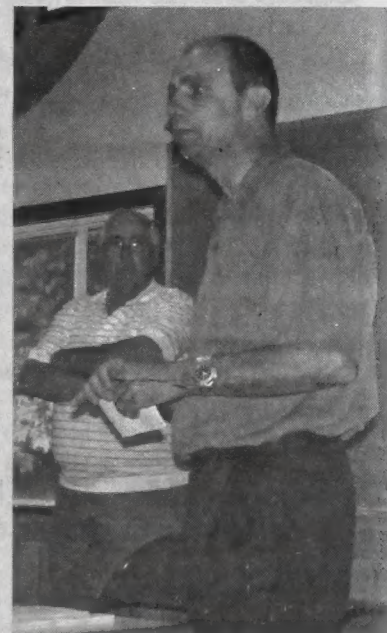


Association President Jim Ross

were put forward.

Finally OPP Officer Kevin Windover, in response to questions about who was in charge of enforcing lake speed limits, said that they will be patrolling the lake, although they have a lot of lakes to look after, but that the OPP would welcome information about specific speeding offenders. Once reported, the OPP will gladly have a friendly visit with the alleged offender.

In an interview with the Voice after the meeting President Jim Ross said with regard to the new Coalition of Haliburton Associations that he wanted a full consultation with his executive before he made any commitment to what he thought was possibly the beginnings of some political action. ■



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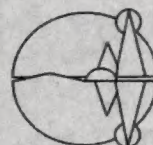


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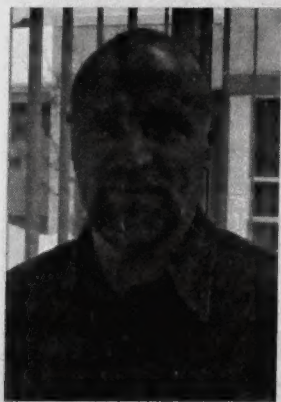
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The President's Report on Health

The Impact of the Economy on Health Care

By Paul Rosebush, President and CEO, Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

Special to the County Voice

I am very pleased to have the opportunity to connect with the community on health care issues on behalf of Haliburton Highlands Health Services. The County Voice has been generous to partner with HHHS so that the health care issues facing Haliburton County residents can be shared with the entire community. This is my first article for the Voice and in subsequent months I will be bringing a variety of health care related topics forward that will help the community understand the challenges and opportunities that the health care sector faces. This first article addresses the impact of the economy on services provided by HHHS.

The cost of healthcare continues to present challenges across our country and certainly Haliburton is not immune to the economic forces that are shaping the delivery of health services today. As the global economy has sputtered and the Canadian economy has slumped our healthcare system in Haliburton has taken proactive steps to mitigate the impact on us of a declining provincial subsidy.

Earlier this year Haliburton Highlands Health Services faced closing out the fiscal year end with a significant deficit. It was also well known that the province was not likely to equal last year's modest funding increase of 2.4 percent towards healthcare because of the overall state of the economy. These two circumstances necessitated a thorough internal review of operations so that HHHS could position itself to maintain its core services intact. Consequently, prior to the announcement of a new budget by the provincial government, HHHS took some meaningful steps. To begin the Board of Directors established guidelines that clearly stated the corporation would not be permitted to run up deficits and further that management would be obligated to take corrective action on any projected deficit in a timely manner. Secondly, HHHS management was able to identify a number of areas where it could decrease costs and improve revenue which were implemented with positive results. Thirdly, staffing adjustments were made to position HHHS to cope with the anticipated funding shortfall.

The prediction of a reduced subsidy was borne out with the province announcing a 2.1 percent funding increase in healthcare for the 2009/10 period. The anticipatory steps taken by the organization to prepare for this situation was helpful but is by no means a permanent solution to our funding requirements because of the forced growth costs the organization is obligated to meet. For example, labour agreements for the current and subsequent year range from 2.6 percent to 3 percent. With 85 percent of the HHHS budget applied toward staffing, the impact of labour costs alone is substantial and the pressure on the budget increases proportionally with such costs. Utility costs also continue to rise dramatically outpacing funding, as do major medical equipment contracts, and maintaining two hospitals and long-term care homes up to high community standards.

Of serious longstanding concern to HHHS is the unfunded cost assumed to transport patients to other hospitals for testing or treatment. This unfunded liability costs the organization over \$100,000 per year. HHHS also has to prepare for the future and funds will have to be found to pay for the introduction of electronic health care records so that Haliburton residents can receive the same safe and high levels of care being provided elsewhere.

The good news is that HHHS improved its financial performance considerably over the prior fiscal year because of the steps taken and described above. The year-end audited statements reflected a very minor deficit of under 1 percent. As such HHHS posted one of the best financial results in the Central East LHIN. Staff support and commitment to improving the Corporation's financial position were vital to achieving this result. HHHS is fully committed to working within a balanced budget and maintaining core services. It will take discipline, properly applied advocacy and the will to seize new opportunities to attract funding that will allow HHHS to cope with the current economic climate and to serve our community capably in the future. ■

Coping With Uranium

Panel of Experts Provides Advice On What Do If You Live Near Uranium

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Those concerned about uranium, radon gas and the possible health risks associated with the substances, flocked to the Haliburton School of the Arts on Saturday, June 20 for an information session hosted by Environment Haliburton (EH!).

The session featured several expert guest speakers and advocates against uranium mining including Dr. Linda Harvey, Roger Young, Chris Sullivan of SGS Environment Services, Christine Atrill of Fight Uranium Mining and Exploration (F.U.M.E.), and Susanne Lauten of Cottagers Against Uranium Mining and Exploration (C.U.M.E.). Warden Dave Burton also attended to speak about Bill 173 – The Mining Amendment Act.

Dr. Harvey spoke in-depth about the ways that uranium can enter the body. She also explained how she became interested in the issues.

"I heard something on CBC that changed my life," said Harvey. "There was a story about a woman who lived just 12-kilometres away from me and there was uranium on her property. I was concerned about what I had heard. I wanted to find out about the possible dangers associated with these substances and share that information with others."

Harvey pointed out that there aren't many studies that have been conducted on the health effects of uranium radioactivity in the body.

"We really don't know what we're dealing with," said Harvey. "The data out there is mainly based on guesswork."

Harvey stated that research on the health effects of radioactivity in the body came to a halt in 1958 because the International Atomic Energy "prevented the World Health Organization from carrying out research on humans."

"We're 50 years behind on researching this... this is something that we need to think about as a society" she said.

Uranium is a silvery-white metallic chemical element. Once extracted from the ground, uranium ore emits invisible radon rays such as beta, gamma and alpha particles. The toxic elements can enter a human's body through the skin; they can be ingested through drinking water and food; and they can be inhaled.

"About one to five per cent of uranium breathed in is absorbed," said Harvey, adding that most uranium absorbed through ingestion is excreted in the process.

Harvey also explained that DNA might be affected by damaged cells. If DNA is in fact impacted, it will produce new cells but they will end up being damaged copies of the originals.

Radon gas is created in the breakdown process of uranium. It is colourless, odourless and tasteless. When radon is released from the ground into the outdoor air, it gets diluted to low concentrations and is not a concern. However, in enclosed spaces, like basements, it can sometimes accumulate to high levels, which can pose health risks.

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Deputy Reeve Gardiner: "I would be in favour of Mr. Devolin's suggestion of two phases."

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Council had yet to discuss the 'olive branch' offered by the MBC last month which promised withdrawal of further legal action if the project was limited to rehabilitation of existing infrastructure. Since that time, MP Barry Devolin's letter offered to intervene with Building Canada seeking approval for the project to be completed in two phases, with rehabilitation of the existing runway and facilities as the first stage and construction of the new longer runway as the second phase.

In June Reeve Eleanor Harrison advised MBC President Paul MacInnes that Council would seek legal advice before deciding what to do about MBC's proposal. Despite a closed session with their lawyer being scheduled for later in the day, Harrison asked that each member of Council speak their mind about how they wished to proceed with the project, but all seemed reluctant to speak until they heard from their lawyer.

When Council returned to the discussion later in the day, Councillor Carol Moffatt spoke first. She said, "My position is well known. I think (Devolin's) letter is timely and I support what he's saying. In the face of what has been received from MBC, we should make the best of what we have."

Putting a new idea on the table, Moffatt suggested not only rehabilitating existing facilities, but redesigning and erecting a new terminal building. She said, "We should work toward making the airport the best it can be from here on. We have a great community doing great things and I think that the airport can do so much more."

Councillor Don Shortread spoke of his commitment to the airport and how he would hate to see all the work that had gone into it lost particularly after so many sleepless nights by Council. Shortread voiced his disappointment that the other municipalities in the County had chosen not to support the project and said he would have liked to have seen the same energy that had been

invested in opposing the project put into promoting economic development in the area.

Shortread referred to the high percentage of seniors in the County and said he would hate to see the County become nothing more than a nice place for cottagers to retire. Shortread reiterated his concerns about safety at the airport, adding that he would like to see something done for the young pilots of the future.

He said, "This is a great chance to expand the airport. We could rebuild what we have now, but it will not solve anything. I don't want to back down now or have that as my legacy. If others want that they can have it."

Councillor Diane Griffin said she had given MBC's deputation a lot of thought, but she believed that expanding the airport was necessary. Griffin, who was not in support of a new terminal building at this time, also said, "To date I haven't heard any qualified person say that what we based our decision on is wrong and I find it extremely difficult to change my position and not go forward with our current plans."

Griffin said she was grateful that Devolin had offered an

alternate solution, but that Council should proceed as planned and follow through with the entire expansion project.

Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner also voiced his support of the airport project. He admitted his earlier concerns about the economy, but said that it had been the wish of Council to proceed and he respected that. Gardner referred to MacInnes' offer, saying that he saw it as an ultimatum and even a threat. Gardner produced a dictionary and read the definition of ultimatum, and said that ultimatums were something he did not respond well to.

Gardner finally said, "I would be in favour of Mr. Devolin's suggestion of two phases."

Harrison too said she was in support of Devolin's suggestion. She also said, "It's a slippery slope to take the olive branch offered by MBC. We would lose all credibility."

Harrison agreed with some of the other Council members that she was not in favour of a new terminal building, adding that the next Council would have to look at the need for that.

"I have never backed away from saying that I support the construction of a crosswind runway, but I have also said we would not support it if it was to be solely paid by Algonquin Highlands' taxpayers. This is the first time that the federal government has put money into airports. We're lucky to have government funding and I think we should move ahead."

Harrison said, "I realize we're in a holding pattern until we learn what the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) will tell us, but I also understand we don't need an environmental assessment to work on the existing runway. MBC indicated no objection to the rehabilitation work as Phase 1 to the standard in the engineers' report which would widen the runway."

"I am pleased that Mr. Devolin has come up with this suggestion as I realize he is anxious to get funding out the door and shovels in the ground." Harrison said that she saw concern in Devo-

lin's letter that the project funding would be lost and that she believed MBC would agree.

"I believe we can still proceed with Phase II as information becomes available."

Harrison also said she had been a supporter of the airport development for over 20 years and that she believed the expansion would entice economic development and go a long way to keep young families living and working in the area."

Harrison said she believed Council should move forward and see if Building Canada would allow them to amend the project to be completed in two stages. "We're not changing the scope of the project," she said, adding that Devolin did not see any reason why the project scope would have to change either.

Council then moved into a discussion about the tenders that had been received. CAO Lorne Mitchell confirmed that the low bidder had agreed to hold their pricing until the middle of June. He also advised Council that the engineers believed they would not have to re-tender if the overall project remains the same.

Mitchell commented that there were a lot of variables to how things could proceed, adding that timing was key.

Moffatt said she'd like one more 'kick at the cat... even though it's obvious how things will go.' She said, "I am pro airport; I'm not against expansion. I just feel we have other priorities. We should be making smart plans and I don't think that includes the airport expansion."

In a recorded vote (with Moffatt voting against it) Council agreed to proceed with the airport rehabilitation and expansion in two phases.

Shortread asked what would happen if Devolin came back after speaking with Building Canada with a decision that dictated support for only the first phase. He said, "I would hope this will come back to the table for discussion if that happens."

This is where the entire discussion seemed to become one of semantics only. Harrison responded that according to Devolin the scope of the project had not changed. "It is how the project is managed that has changed."

Moffatt voiced concern that prices submitted in the tenders may not be honoured if the timing of the project changed and Mitchell responded that if there was a considerable time period between phases the cost of the project would definitely increase.

Council agreed that they would wait for further information from Devolin before taking any further action.

Several members of MBC had comments to make about Council's decision. MacInnes confirmed that his members definitely wanted to see the rehabilitation of the existing runway go forward. He said, "We would be very disappointed if that didn't happen."

However, MacInnes also said that MBC remained totally opposed should the scope of the project remain the same. "Nothing changes as far as stage two and our opposition to it, or to what we'll do to stop it."

MacInnes said that he was concerned that the Council had scuppered itself by insisting that the scope of the project remain the same. He suggested that if that was the case, the requirements of the CEAA might just remain the same and the process would include having to pass an environmental assessment before even the rehabilitation could take place.

MacInnes also voiced concern about the price of the project increasing dramatically should there be delay between the two phases, not only in unit prices but in penalty clauses. He said, "There's a lot to deal with and there's no knowledge of how long the waiting period will be."

MBC's Research Director Andy Muirhead also spoke about the cost of delays, change in tender prices and duplicated mobilization costs. According to Muirhead, the regulations associated with Building Canada funding required that any cost overruns be covered completely by the municipality, not as part of shared funding agreement.

Muirhead said, "The only way to be sure of getting the rehabilitation done is to split it off completely from the overall project." Muirhead insisted that the project was still unacceptable and ineligible for funding. He said, "The only thing they voted for was to continue to spend taxpayers' money to continue with a project that we don't want."

The intricacies of the approval processes could be endless and at the moment the project could continue in any number of ways. While no one is quite certain exactly how much work will finally be done or if it will even be completed this year, what is apparent is that the legal wrangling will likely continue, with thousands of dollars of taxpayers' money (which also cannot be taken from Building Canada funding) coming out of taxpayers' pockets.

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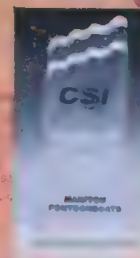


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Many hard-working volunteers also work behind the scenes to take care of the groundwork that allows the program to run fluidly.

On Friday, June 18 at a volunteer appreciation event at the Bonnie View Inn, all those who support the program were recognized for their contributions that ultimately benefit the overall well-being of children in the county.

“It’s been great to see this program continually evolve,” said Karen Phipps, Coordinator of the Food for Kids Program, in an interview with The Voice. “You get to work with great people all the time.”

Rosie Kadwell, one of the original-founding members of the program, dietician and current Food for Kids Chair, stated that the program is a huge benefit to students who depend on it.

She added that without the volunteers, not of it would be possible.

“They’re the heartbeat of this program,” she said.

A person who is near students on a day-to-day basis (besides their teacher) in their natural learning environment is France Meunier, Principal of Stuart Baker Elementary School. Meunier strongly stands behind the program and attests to the positive ways in which it nourishes the minds and bodies of the youth.

“This is close to my heart,” she explained. “It’s one of the most important programs at my school. It’s crucial for students to eat well in order for them to learn and perform well in the class.”

Meunier said that all of the volunteers make a difference in the lives of students, and for that she is thankful.

“I couldn’t imagine my school running without them,” she said smiling. “If you’re sitting there (in class) and are hungry, it will take over learning power.”

Valerie Smith, Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) trustee for Haliburton County and Food for Kids steering committee member, said that the TLDSB is the first board in Ontario to set aside funds to contribute to this kind of program. She added that many boards have followed the example set by the TLDSB.

“The board believes in the power of this program,” said Smith. “We want to thank the volunteers for their help and highlight how appreciative we are of the program. It assists students academically and socially, it helps many of them behaviour-wise and they can respond to the teacher better. It’s important to have a healthy mind and body.”

Other special guests in attendance who made presentations at the event included Barb Lillico and Mary Bark, representatives for the Ministry of Children & Youth Services. The Ministry is one of the many agencies that provides funding to the program.

Food for Kids was established in Haliburton County 10 years ago, and now currently serves about 2,200 children and youth at seven schools in the area. The program receives support from over 50 volunteers who help to raise funds as well as those who plan, prepare and serve the breakfasts and snacks weekly.

For more information about Food for Kids visit www.studentnutritionprogram.ca/haliburton.html. ■

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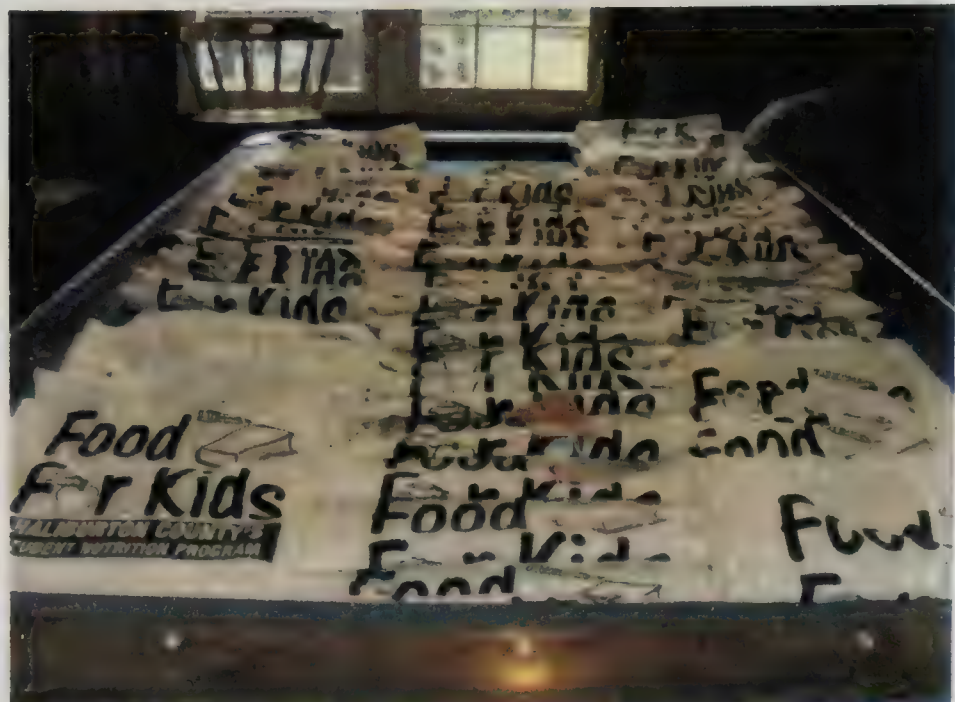
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Bob Park, owner of Bob and Wendy's Foodland, and others read letters of thanks for the Food for Kids program from students across the county. Park has been a big financial supporter of the program for the past 10 years.

Sandy Slote's "In the Rough" opens at the Art Hive

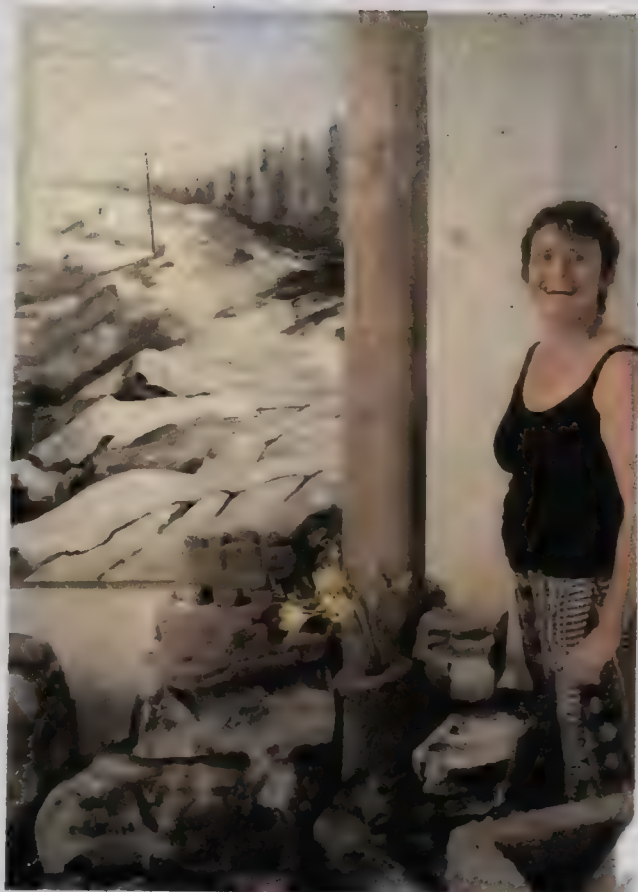
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"If someone said to you, 'you have 42 sq. ft. to do what ever you want and leave it there for two weeks', what would you do? I knew right away what I wanted to do. I wanted to use this opportunity to put together a painting — installation of our changing landscape," says Sandy Slote, Artist. "We've all seen those cuts in the landscape that leave only the trees standing that will hold up lines. They seem to go for ever through the trees and up and over the hills, not stopping till they reach a destination. I believe I have recreated such a landscape that goes for ever with the sense of leaving the ground naked, exposed and rough. This installation — painting is accompanied by a body works that are not polished but rough. Rough in subject matter, technique or medium."

In most of Sandy Slote's work there's always a kind of edgy, in your face element, softened somewhat by her irrepressible sense of humour and irony. Last year she held a very successful exhibit at the Rails End Gallery devoted in the main to the subject of drying laundry outside on lines. At least that's what it looked like on the surface. In fact the paintings were aching evocations of motion, lines, and light that at its best swept the viewer up into the wind. "In the Rough" similarly takes a prosaic theme of hydro lines cut through the landscape and translates it into a mournful, slightly threatening journey into the unknown.

Slote uses a wide variety of techniques and materials for "In the Rough" First, there's the painting itself, monochrome, uncompromising, somehow distant: then there's the artificial rocks beneath, fashioned by Slote using the 'Hypertufa' technique of mixing peat, sand, and various aggregate. Then there are the sketches of the work in various stages: add to that the actual hydro poles that Slote made herself, and the real hydro wire that swoops from the constructed poles into the painting. Slote broke two drills assembling that little piece of whimsy. Then there are a number of small works that Slote used the 'encaustic' method of pouring hot wax poured into scrapped wood. This is without doubt an exhibit that needs a little time, and space. "As I get older it seems that want to use more of the raw stuff, rough sketches, preliminary drawings, kind of behind the scenes stuff. You don't worry so much about facades — and the painting itself reflects that, that's why it's monochrome, I wanted to keep it simple — a sense of the lines going for ever into infinity seemed to me to be a monochrome statement that colour would have messed with."

Sandy Slote got her start as a drawer as a child when her parents would sit her down



with a pad of paper, some pencils, and the Sears catalogue. "They needed a babysitter — art materials had to do," she says. Later she graduated from the University of Windsor with a Bachelor of Fine Art degree, no mean feat, and in the 1980s moved to Haliburton full time from her native Windsor. With reference to last year's laundry exhibit, she commented that "No particular thing inspires me that you could put finger on except maybe my kayak. I've always liked to take the inanimate and add a touch of myself to it, a quirk of humour perhaps, to make someone laugh at themselves, or at me."

Laughter is a constant with Slote: but don't confuse the sense of humour with any



lack of purpose. There is an obvious connection between last year's laundry lines and this year's hydro poles and lines — but Slote says, "I know that's there, but it really wasn't conscious, and isn't conscious. My work is evolving — that's all I really know — but I don't know where it will take me." One thing's for sure — it will be a journey worth watching for anyone interested in artistic challenge, on a high and demanding level.

Sandy Slote's "In the Rough" exhibit runs until July 2nd at the Art Hive on Highway 118 between West Guilford and Camarvon. It's part of the Art Hive's ongoing 'Hand of the Maker' series. ■

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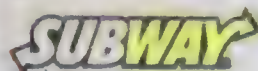
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Hockey legend Paul Henderson was on hand at the Pinestone to lend his support. As guest speaker, he shared his message of hope with the organizers and participants. During an interview with the Voice, Henderson spoke of the value of the Living Water project and commended the work that the group has already accomplished. Living Water International has provided clean water to over four million people, preventing needless lifelong disabilities and saving lives.

The day was a huge success with over 90 golfers and 110 dinners served. Although nobody won the big prizes for a hole-in-one, everyone appeared to be enjoying the day on the course. The real winners will be the Guatemalans who for the first time will have fresh drinking water in their small village. ■



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Lyn Winans

Top: Team Bain
Above: Paul Henderson
Left: Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey

Lake Kashagawigamog Property Owners Hold AGM at Northern Lights

Dysart et al announces tax reduction and Minden Hills gets bump

Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon and Dysart et al were special guests at the annual general meeting of the Lake Kashagawigamog Organization (LKO) last Saturday at the Northern Lights Pavilion.

The reeves were there to address specific questions related to the Haliburton Sewage treatment facility, the impact of Lake Plans on municipal decision making, municipal garbage dumps, transfer stations and landfills and the ongoing Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) wrangle.

Grant Parkinson, President of the LKO quizzed Reeve Fearrey about the current status of the Haliburton Sewage treatment plant and intimated that he had information that the plant was close to capacity. Parkinson asked Fearrey if plans for the new Watercolours Condominium units planned for Haliburton would be pushing the treatment facility past operating maximums.

He also asked about spillages, whether there had been any recent overflows and if Dysart et al is prepared to handle leaks when they are found.

Fearrey assured the 75 members present that there had been no spillages in the current year and added that there are processes in place to notify authorities and local residents in the event of a spill.

"If it happens we're ready," said Fearrey. He added that rumours of capacity at the plant were rife at one time, but explained that elevated readings were occurring at times when runoff or rain had contributed to high water flows into the sewage system. He said Dysart et al crews have worked to seal off some manholes, thus capping water flow rates at appropriate limits. He said that the sewage treatment plant estimates have been reassessed in the light of that sewer work.

"We have 25 percent capacity left at the plant after Watercolours, Silver Beach and Champlain Shores (are factored in)," said Fearrey.

He added that the Haliburton plant is listed as one of the best in Ontario in terms of phosphorous removal, and added that there is very little in the way of septage truck waste currently being delivered to the plant.

Fearrey and McMahon were both asked about the efficacy of Lake Plans. Parkinson, in the prepared question portion of the meeting asked both Reeves how Lake Plans affect a council's decision making.

The Lake Kashagawigamog cottagers have been investigating the creation and implementation of their own lake plan for the past several years, but as other cottage associations have already discovered, the process is time-consuming and rather costly. And there is concern about how council regards lake plans when assessing municipal projects.

Fearrey said that before council decides to accept a lake plan "we have to know that 75 percent of the residents agree with the lake plan drawn up by the cottage or ratepayer's association."

This is a problem for the LKO since their current membership includes less than 50 percent of the ratepayers on Lake Kashagawigamog. "The people have to buy into the Lake Plan," added Reeve Fearrey.

Reeve McMahon was in full agreement with his Dysart counterpart. "An approved lake plan needs the buy-in of a majority



of the players ... lake plans are great if everyone on the lake is in board," said McMahon.

Parkinson next broached municipal taxes and the proposed increases for waterfront owners. On the LKO website Parkinson notes: "It is clear that property values are dropping and

that the phased in assessments are hitting them much harder than the bulk of regular Ontario property owners. Their property assessments are linked directly to municipal taxation and Parkinson wanted to know if both reeves were aware of the problems and concerns.

Fearrey said that Dysart et al is keeping a close eye on the situation. Parkinson said that LKO members should commit to signing the petition supporting WRAFT and CAPTR initiatives to property assessment review.

Later on in the meeting the LKO unanimously supported a motion to expand the board positions from seven to nine. Nominations were taken from the floor and the two extra position were filled. Parkinson, John Matthews, Anne Nickson, Len Logozar, Lynn Childs, Gary Wiles, Al Oakley, Rob Davis and past president Stan Peck round out the current LKO board of directors.

Rob Davis undertakes the role of Lake Steward. Davis heads up a shoreline advisory program under the auspices of Fisheries and Oceans Canada. He conducts free and confidential shoreline inspections at local cottages. The study addresses such issues as shoreline erosion, docks, native species and property maintenance. All with a view to making your waterfront eco-friendly and sustainable. A report is generated and recommendations are presented after the visit.

"In fact, Graham (Parkinson) has already had a shoreline visit," said Davis. "It's fun and it points out the benefits of maintaining a natural shoreline."

On the bad news front the LKO is expected to be running a budget deficit of \$1,035 in 2009. That's due in the main to the publication of colour newsletters totalling \$4700, which is an increase of

\$3,000 compared to the two previous years.

Parkinson said that the newsletters were printed in an attempt to attract more members to the LKO. It's hoped that the newsletters will contribute to a surge in membership. It was noted that some lake association in the area have 80 percent of ratepayer compliance. LKO totals are lagging at or around the 40 percent mark.

In other news the 2009 LKO Regatta and BBQ is slated for Saturday July 11th at the Halimar Resort from 1 to 4 pm.

The 2009 LKO Environment Day is scheduled for Saturday, August 15th at Bryson's Marine from 10 am to 1 pm.

The LKO did increase their donations to the community support agencies due to increased demands placed upon the Minden Food bank and the 4Cs.



no one currently knows when or where they may bottom out, but property owners are upset that they are paying taxes based on an inflated and probably unrealistic value."

Parkinson advised all LKO members to get on line and sign the Federation of Ontario Cottage Owner's Association (FOCA) petition which advocates a reform of the present assessment methodology, which waterfront landowners say has been extremely harsh on them, especially in these times of economic confusion.

"We have 50,000 members in FOCA and only 651 members have signed the petition," said Parkinson, who said it was up to cottagers to do the due diligence, go on line and express their opinion. Reeve Fearrey said that Dysart et al are pursuing all strategies to find equitable option regarding the taxation and assessment situation. Both CAPTR (Coalition After Property Tax Reform) and WRAFT (Waterfront Ratepayers after Fair Taxation) have included petitions to the municipal tax review agency and the provincial government.

The new tax increase is being phased in over four years, but waterfront and high-end urban property owners are concerned

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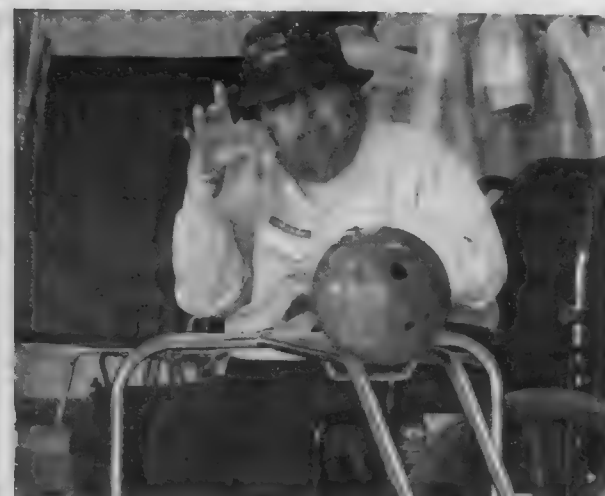
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Extendicare Teams Up with Stuart Baker

Students Interact with Seniors
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Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

For the ninth year in a row, Grade 3 students at Stuart Baker Elementary School (SBES) got together with about a dozen Extendicare residents for some friendly competition.

This past Monday afternoon, Marie-Lee Zahab's French immersion class could be seen playing games such as mini putt golf, bowling, shuffleboard and croquet with the residents.

The annual tradition, organized by staff of Extendicare - a long-term care facility in Haliburton - gives the younger generation an opportunity to interact with elder members of the community in a fun and supportive environment.

After the games, students spent their lunch hour with residents for a meal provided by Extendicare.

This was the first year in which Zahab got her students involved in the annual 'Olympics' event. For many years retired Grade 3 teacher Cathy Boake had her classes participate in the initiative. ■

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Shifting Gears a Celebration of Cycles Gaining Momentum

Head Lake Park plays host to fourth annual cycling party

Terrance Gavan

Staff Reporter



The Celebrity Cycle Challenge was a huge hit: Bottom Left: Angela Van Berlo surges ahead of Canoe FM's Roxanne Casey



Haliburton is a cycle-friendly little enclave.

And getting friendlier all the time.

That's thanks in no small part to a vibrant and burgeoning little group known as the Haliburton Highlands Cycling Coalition (HHCC).

Last Saturday in Head Lake Park the group sponsored its fourth annual Shifting Gears Cycling Festival.

Despite threatening skies and some early morning showers the festival once again lived up to its advanced billing.

Fun activities for the whole family included a treasure hunt, bike decorating, contests, vendors, information booths and much, much more.

This year they introduced the Celebrity Tricycle Challenge. Music by Jazz Kitchen, information booths, some unusual cycles and a great lunch by Rhubarb Chef Chris Carl rounded out the slate of activities.

The event culminates with a ride for all ages through the village of Haliburton.

Organizers Angela Van Berlo and Sue Shikaze were both on hand early in the morning setting up tents, displays and ensuring that all riders came prepared with helmets.

The Haliburton Highlands Cycling Coalition was formed in September 2005 with a vision for progressive cycling practices in Haliburton County. They strive first and foremost to provide and promote safe and enjoyable cycling of all types, for all ages.

"The purpose of the HHCC is to represent the interests of the cycling public within Haliburton County," is part of their safety and health-oriented mission statement.

Indeed both Shikaze and Van Berlo work here at the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge (HKPR) health unit and over the past several years they have invested a lot of their own time in the cycling coalition.

Shikaze said the organizing committee was quite pleased with the overall turnout and added that the event is growing every year.

"We were lucky because the weather held off and the park was fairly full throughout the course of the day," said Shikaze. "The purpose of the event is to bring people together."

This year the cycling coalition sponsored a full slate of over 20 events beginning April 30th and leading to the Shifting Gears celebration last Saturday.

Of course the HHCC also works in the background as a blossoming advocate for cycling expansion, safer roads, trail expansion and bike safety here in the Highlands.

Shikaze says radio and print ads are rolling out this week pertaining to their Share the Road campaign.

New highway work – like the current construction ongoing between Minden and Haliburton on Hwy 21 – will include provision for paved shoulders to make long haul bike rides a little safer. Expansion of the Rail trails in the county plus the recent addition of the Sir Sam's Ski Area comprehensive network of mountain bike trails are all adding to cycling options in the area.

Shikaze says that the HHCC is all about safe riding, helmet advocacy, and progressive road awareness campaigns.

"Bikes are legally on the road and the Share the Road campaign is about sharing the road and the responsibility of both the motorist and the cyclist," said Shikaze.

She added that it's important for motorists to know that bicycles are allowed on the roads and highways around Haliburton County.

Important also for cyclists to realize that they are also subject to all the rules and regulations that govern vehicles on a provincial road or highway.

She notes that as cycling growth continues in the Highlands – and there is a large cognoscente

of highway cyclists here in the county – there is the inevitable increase of bike-car interaction on the roads. Important then for both cyclists to be tolerant of motorists and for motorists to show due diligence when passing or meeting cyclists on the road.

The Share the Road campaign of ads and brochures will hopefully increase awareness and contribute to a summer and fall of safe cycling.

All of these multi-faceted cycling initiatives are part of the HKPR health unit's mission to increase healthy activity and contribute to fitness awareness. Shikaze and Van Berlo believe, as health unit advocates, that if we can increase cycling safety and expand trail and road options, more people may begin to take advantage of the healthy cycling options that are growing here in the Highlands.

Last Saturday's fourth annual Shifting Gears Festival is just one of the many tools the HHCC uses to inspire and attract new cyclists.

"For people who are thinking about getting back into cycling, we're hoping the festival might give them a nudge," said Shikaze.

The HHCC website is your best guide to cycling options in Haliburton. And if you have been thinking about getting back on a bike after a long hiatus?

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For more info on the Haliburton Highlands Cycling Coalition peruse their website at cyclehaliburton.ca.



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Minden KIN Club held its 22nd annual Truck Pull and Show and Shine on June 20th at the Minden Fairgrounds. Numerous classes were included within each of the show and pulling competitions. It was impossible to miss this year's latest additions; crane trucks with their booms conspicuously raised skyward.

KIN uses the proceeds of its charity truck show to support local community programs. ■



Above: Team Prentice. Left: Young Mak Prentice kicks a few tires.

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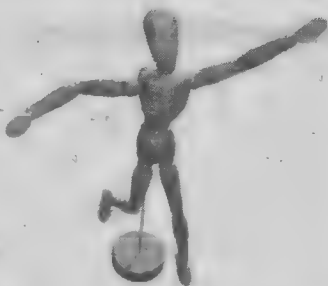
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Second: Sat, June 27th from 6-8PM Gord will join Scott Russell and Ian Pay for an evening of country classics and light rock at the Dominion Hotel. Shawn will have his special all you can eat buffet from 5-8PM for \$15.95 or you can order from the great menu as you enjoy fine dining and tunes.

Many thanks to the sponsors of these events. Minden Lions Club, Unitron Hearing Canada, Minden/Haliburton Hearing Service.



The weather cooperated completely this past Saturday for the second annual Bear Rally hosted by Haliburton ATV Association and Yamaha Canada. The event was staged at South Wind Motel & Campground between Minden and Kinmount and featured a number of activities including kids ATV training, ATV poker run, guided Yamaha demo trail rides, bug bog event, and plenty of other ATV related games.

"The focal point of this event is the children's ATV training where we have a professional company come in supply the safety equipment, ATV's and instruction for the kids ... so that they get a safe responsible message on ATVing," said Steve Skidmore HATVA President.

Most of the activities spread out over several acres in a "Fair" type atmosphere were free and open to the public and members alike. Participants had a great time. "We were a little overwhelmed with the turnout - we bought food locally for 200 people for the complimentary BBQ and about mid afternoon we sent someone to town to pick up food for another 100," says Mark Coles who was flipping burgers. Handouts of Yamaha swag were given to all participants and some nice prizes as well for the winners of the Poker Run, Mud Bog and ATV games. Plans are in the works for an even bigger event next year. "This is great for business in the area" said Dave Bradley owner of South Wind Motel & Campground.

HATVA Teams Up With Yamaha Canada For Community Event



Minden Lioness Members Receive Awards



L to R Janet Readman, Greg Readman, Kelly Moore, Donna Black (Absent-Phyllis Sutherland)

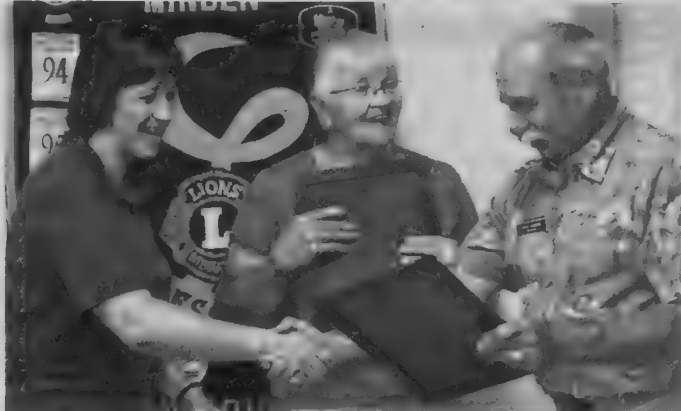
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This past week, five members of the Minden Lioness Club received the Lion's Club Camp Kirk Fellowship Awards for their outstanding efforts in support of Camp Kirk. Camp director, Garry Umphrey was in Minden to present the awards to Janet Readman, Greg Readman, Kelly Moore, Donna Black and Phyllis Sutherland.

The Lions Club Camp Kirk Foundation of District A-16 owns Camp Kirk, located near the village of Kirkfield. Established in 1993, the facility provides positive summer camping experiences for kids with learning disabilities.

The Minden Lioness Club has been in existence since 1987. It is a small club consisting of nine members and is geographically the most distant of the twelve clubs that comprise district A16. Despite its membership numbers, the club has been awarded numerous commendations over the years since its inception. The Minden club is unique in having the only male Lioness member in their district, although there is no award presented for that accomplishment yet. The Lioness club's best known local fund-raisers are the "Bed Pan Blitz" and the "Ducky Race on the Gull".

The group would welcome new members, anyone interested can find out more about the club by calling 705-286-3377. ■



Camp Kirk Director Garry Umphrey presents awards to Kelly Moore and Donna Black. The Camp Kirk Fellowship Awards are for outstanding efforts in support of Camp Kirk.

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Fiddle Spectacle Rolls In To Minden

Scott Woods Band Returns with Invigorating Variety Show



Fiddle-playing extraordinaire Scott Woods and his band mates took about 200 concertgoers on a two-hour journey into the country variety show era in a packed Archie Stouffer gymnasium in Minden. It was the second time that the band came to Minden for a show put on by the Minden United Church.

The energetic Woods and his band members performed musical selections that included traditional country, gospel and swing music.

Some of the accolades that Woods has under his belt include being named the two-time winner of the Canadian Open Fiddle Contest, two-time winner of the Canadian Grand Masters Fiddling Championships, three-time winner of the Canadian Novelty Fiddle Championship, three-time winner of the Canadian Duet Fiddle Championship and Canadian Fiddle Entertainer of the Year.

For seven years Woods was the musical director and played the part of Don Messer (the popular television folk musical variety show host) in Memories of Don Messer's Jubilee which toured extensively in Canada.

The members of Woods's group play a diverse mix of instruments including the keyboard, electric and upright bass, drums, clarinet and saxophone.

The Woods band is sharing half of the proceeds from ticket sales with the Minden United Church. □



Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Climate Change Now

The most comprehensive U.S. government report on climate change to date says global warming has already altered the climate in parts of the country, with far worse consequences likely if greenhouse gas emissions are not curbed soon. The report pegs man-made pollution as the primary cause of the environmental changes. It points to higher average temperatures in the Midwest in recent decades, especially in winter. And the growing season there has been extended by one week as heavy downpours have become twice as frequent as they were a century ago. *Global Climate Change Impacts in the United States* says temperatures in the U.S. will rise slightly faster than the rest of the world at between 4 and 11 degrees Fahrenheit by the year 2100. The rate will depend on how quickly and how much greenhouse gas emissions are curbed. A U.S. House bill would set an increasing cap on greenhouse gas emissions, cutting levels 17 percent from 2005 levels by 2020 and roughly 80 percent by 2050. Its future in both the House and Senate is unclear.

Swine Flu Mutation

Brazilian researchers say they have identified a new strain of the H1N1 swine flu virus in samples taken from a patient in Sao Paulo. The mutated strain shows changes in the hemagglutinin protein, which allows the virus to infect new hosts, the Adolfo Lutz Bacteriological Institute said. But it was unclear if the mutation makes the new strain more aggressive than the current H1N1 virus, which has spread to at least 76 countries around the world, causing more than 160 deaths. The young Sao Paulo man who provided the sample has made a full recovery.

Dingo Diversity

The reintroduction of Australia's iconic and much-maligned dingo into areas where it has been eradicated could help small native animals thrive and possibly help cattle farmers, a new report suggests. The wild dogs arrived with settlers from what is now Indonesia about 5,000 years ago. They dominated much of the landscape until the 1880s, when sheep farmers erected a "dingo fence" more than 3,000 miles long to keep them away from their flocks in New South Wales and Victoria. Writing in the Royal Society's journal *Proceedings B*, Michael Letnic from the University of Sydney says the "dingoes suppress fox and kangaroo numbers, and when you don't have dingoes in the system, kangaroos basically eat all the herbage and foxes take all of the prey." He says (inside the fence) where dingoes are absent, native rodents, marsupials and grasses are all diminished. He calculates that 16 threatened mammals would benefit from the return of dingoes, with only three species being negatively affected.

Pacific Cyclone

An area of disturbed weather that passed over the Philippines collected into Tropical Storm Linfa late in the week. Maximum winds were predicted to reach over 50 mph as it headed toward Taiwan.

Earthquakes

A wide area around Peru's second-largest city of Arequipa was jolted by a 5.1 magnitude quake that kicked up clouds of dust and sent people dashing from their homes.

• Earth movements were also felt in northern Honduras and far southern areas of the Philippines.

Far East Eruption

A huge plume of ash soared over Far East Russia's Kuril Islands archipelago, prompting aviation alerts for trans-Pacific flights. Sarychev Peak is one of the most active volcanoes in the Kuril chain. It began spewing ash plumes on June 12, and the ash had blown up to 1,500 miles to the east-southeast and 575 miles to the west-northwest three days later. The abrasive particles within the plumes posed a serious hazard to aircraft engines. Sarychev Peak has erupted throughout documented history, with intensities ranging from weak lava flows to explosive blasts.

Not Guilty

The look of "guilt" many dog owners say their pet gets after disobeying or committing other transgressions is entirely due to their owners' behavior and has nothing to do with any feelings of remorse on the part of the animal, a researcher says. Alexandra Horowitz of Barnard College's psychology department set up an experiment in which owners were asked to leave the room after ordering their dog not to eat a tasty treat. During the master's absence, the treat was either removed or given to the dog to eat. In some of the tests, the owner was misinformed and told his pet had disobeyed when the treat had actually been removed. Horowitz found that the "guilty look" of dipping the head and slinking away occurred whether or not they had actually disobeyed, and was entirely due to the scolding. Some dogs who had not eaten the treat actually looked "more guilty" than the animals that disobeyed, Horowitz writes in the journal *Behavioral Processes*.

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Busy Week for Children and Staff at Ontario Early Years Children's Learning Centre

Wednesday, June 24th was "Training Day" at the Ontario Early Years Children's Learning Centre. The children were treated to Doug and Jill, known as "The Train Man" and his devoted wife from the Welland area. Doug was first bitten by the train bug when his mom and dad gave him his first train set in 1948. He was fascinated by it and train became his hobby for the next thirty years. Trains became somewhat of a passion for this high energy man at about age 40. Doug belongs to the Lionel Collectors Association of Canada. This is a group that meets about five times a year in Toronto, Brampton, Whitby, and other major locations to take part in train shows. Doug and Jill on their own time go all over Southern and Central Ontario and give their shows to adults and their children. They are indeed a very active couple who are dedicated to sharing their enjoyment of trains with others.

Ms. Griffin of the Children's Learning Centre, heard about Doug's devotion to trains. After a short conversation Doug eagerly arranged a time to share his love of trains with the preschool children at the centre. There were 16 preschoolers in attendance this particular day and all were delighted to receive the train. Curious request supreme. Thomas and James train engines from a children's show, were a focal point with their blinking eyes and whistles.

There were lighted passenger cars with miniature passengers, grain cars, lumber cars, coal cars, freight cars, a snow plow and even a hand tug. Doug showed all the children the late afternoon sun setting the train and blowing the whistle. The boy language continued that the children were captivated. Comments from the children ranged from "that was interesting", "I did it—I got to make the whistle blow", "Where's that Thomas—he's over here moving!" The children were screaming in excitement and trying to make the first whistle, mostly as the train moved down the tracks. The children's attention was drawn to the replica of the train. In the end, a train set was shown off our high school. Please parents, now the children want to visit that train! There were numerous smiles all around it truly was a fun filled day for these lucky children.

The centre's children and staff were appreciative of the time and energy that Doug and Jill gave them.

The Ontario Early Years Children's Centre in Windsor was also delighted to have Ms. Griffin from the local Health Unit pay them a visit on Thursday June 24th, 2009. The children in the pre-school class are spellbound as she regaled them about a young person who didn't think it necessary to wash his hands. As the story progressed the children listened and participated. The little bear got sick and they and his mommy showed him all the germs on his nose with special glitter hug spray. At the same time put "glitter hug spray" on the children and staff, making them all rub from both sides of their hands and in between the fingers.

The story continued with their seeing plenty of germs on the hand when it was put under special light. The children and staff took turns putting their hands under the special light. Germs were visible everywhere present. The facial expressions were entertaining as they were fascinated by many germs. Bear had to wash his hands a lot of the special cream and then was washed again. The children followed suit by washing a single time as they were told to be sure. Ms. Griffin and the preschool teachers, all the children let the their hands wash in germ free water. The children's hands were examined once more and to their surprise it was discovered that there were still plenty of germs on their hands, just like Bear in the story! The children were quick to respond that they need to wash their hands properly and often. Washing hands properly is so important to be healthy and to prevent illness.



Moments in time

The HISTORY CHANNEL

On June 29, 1995, the Singaporean government sent a South Sea Sea-land collapse, the construction workers killing more than 50 people. In the middle of construction, the tower started to lean from north to south, from with a government and the United States' official planning, government was involved in the change and safety.

inspectors were hired. When the situation began showed signs of imminent collapse, the only preventive measure taken was to move expensive merchandise out of the way.

On June 30, 1959, Jean-Benoit Chretien became the first Canadian to walk across Niagara Falls on a tightrope. He then above the Niagara gorge. Wearing red, white and a yellow shirt, Chretien crossed a cable about 2 inches in diameter and 1,100 feet long with only a balancing pole.

On July 1, 1948, NBC broadcast the first TV commercial in its scheduled to the Federal Communications Commission. The first commercial was a 30-second advertisement for the Phillips game.

On July 2, 1967, the Lockheed aircraft company Lockheed Martin and Boeing President Norman separated missing near Hawaii Island in the Pacific. The jet was attempting to fly around the world, and it was one of them has been seen.

On July 3, 1908, writer Mary Frances Kennedy Fisher is born in Wilton, Utah. She was a light producer, writer, producing nine books on travel, including "How to Cook a Wolf" (1942).

On July 4, 1976, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson the second and third presidents of the United States, die on the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. Both men had been central in the drafting of the American Declaration.

On July 5, 1863, in the West End of London, physician granular William Broth and his wife Catherine establish the Christian Mission, later known as the Salvation Army. Such children were the first in a long line of various projects designed to provide physical and spiritual assistance to the destitute.

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Maureen O'Hara Named as New Rotary President

She sees Rotary as a boon to the community and beyond

Terrance Gavan

Staff Reporter

Rotary is a service group that promotes peace, goodwill and understanding.

It operates under an umbrella of high professional ethics. Members are urged to approach life and business utilizing the imprimatur of the four-way test.

"Is it the truth, is it fair to all concerned, will it build good will and friendships and will it be beneficial to all."

Last week at the regular Thursday night Rotary dinner, the Haliburton chapter of Rotary International welcomed seven-year member Maureen O'Hara as their new president. (Her term begins in July.)

O'Hara is the Executive Director of Community Living here in Haliburton and she joined the local Rotary in 2002.

Anyone who knows Maureen, either professionally or personally, recognizes that she embraces the goals and aims of the group. She says that she was initially drawn to the Haliburton Rotary because of their commitment to community service and participation.

"Rotary's easy to talk about, they're such an amazing organization from the ground up," smiles O'Hara.

At one time Rotary was a strictly male bastion. The face of Rotary worldwide has grown to encompass a growing number of influential women members.

Members who, like O'Hara, bring a wealth of organizational experience and professional ethics to local clubs across North America and the world.

Rotary remains one of the top rated NGO's in the world. Bill and Linda Gates have joined with Rotary International in their

campaign for the eradication of polio worldwide.

Rotary International is also the world's first service club organization, with more than 1.2 million members in 33,000 clubs worldwide.

Rotary club members are volunteers who work locally, regionally, and internationally to combat hunger, improve health and sanitation, provide education and job training, promote peace, and eradicate polio under the motto "Service Above Self."

Maureen O'Hara is not the first woman president of the Haliburton Rotary. Linda Shadbolt has that honor, but her term was cut a little short by the arrival of a daughter.

O'Hara says that when she joined in 2002 there were five or six women members. Today women make up nine of the 37 members of the Haliburton Rotary.

O'Hara was not elected to office, but rose through the ranks like all of the past-presidents.

"It's pretty interesting," laughs O'Hara. "Rotary works on a three year cycle. I knew three years ago that I would be President this year. You're a board member, then you're president-elect and then you're President and then you're Past-President ... so there are no surprises."

She says that the presidential transition is fairly seamless. "There is so much information available for me, both at the local and district level, and so many members that are there to help," says O'Hara.

The local Rotary participates in all of the major fundraising projects sponsored by Rotary International. They have taken

on that all-important goal to remove the scourge of polio from the world. But they also undertake fundraising in support of important local initiatives. The Haliburton Rotary have committed to ongoing support of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Board and Sir Sandford Fleming College.

They are also very involved in the Rotary student exchange program. Many Highlands' students have benefited from the local exchange program, which every year for the past three decades has committed to sending a Haliburton student abroad. They also agree to accept one student visitor each year.

"We've sponsored many students and actually Barry Devolin (former Hal High student, and current Member of Parliament for Haliburton - Kawartha Lakes - Brock) was one of our first exchange students and he went, I believe, to Holland," says Maureen. She adds that all of the students, most of them in grade 11 - every sponsored exchange student must be under 18 - find the experience broadening and life-affirming.

"All the kids who came back said it changed their life," says O'Hara, who is also the Haliburton Rotary's Youth Exchange counselor.

Corner Barry Devolin at a supper some time and ask him about his Rotary exchange trip and he will confirm that an opportunity to travel abroad as a grade 11 student opens expansive horizons for those savvy enough to take advantage of the experience. The fact that the trip is made under the auspices of those solid and grounded Rotary goals of service, commitment and professional ethics is just another benefit of the exchange program.

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The Haliburton Rotary is now sponsoring short-term two-month exchanges. It's a direct exchange, so it's almost like home swapping, explains O'Hara. The short-term exchanges are with countries south of the equator. So students from the south come on their two-month "summer vacation" in January and February, and the representatives from Haliburton head down to South America during their summer vacation in July and August.

In fact, Michelle Slote, Maurcen's daughter, was the first local student sent on the two-month short-term exchange and she went to Argentina last summer.

"Michelle was our first one, our trial-balloon you might say, and she went down to Argentina last July and August," laughs Maurcen.

She says Minden Rotary are now getting back into student exchanges after a short hiatus and a drop in their membership. The Minden Rotary is growing and are now back and able to sponsor that two-month limited exchange. They are also collaborating with Haliburton on some other projects.

"Minden Rotary clubs were responsible for sponsoring the Interact Club, which is for students 14 to 18 and sort of the high school version of Rotary," says O'Hara. "They've done some amazing stuff this year, and actually the fellow who spearheaded it (Marcus Hewitt) is the same young man who had been an exchange student last year and came back. He wanted to do something Rotary, which is very interesting. I think there's four Interact clubs in our area."

The local chapter of Interact at Hal High, started by Hewitt, took on some work with Doctors Without Borders in Africa. They operate under a teacher advisor and maintain the same three-year hierarchy as Rotary Clubs across the world.

The biggest fundraiser is the annual car raffle, and O'Hara wants that people should consider buying tickets early so they won't be disappointed.

"I think we netted \$65,000 last year," says O'Hara. "It was a great year - we sold out all the tickets last year before the carnival, and the year before we sold out at the carnival."

And this year a special treat. The grand prize is a Pontiac. "It's a collector's item this year," laughs O'Hara. People have the opportunity to take the car or the \$25,000 and not surprisingly most people do choose the cash. The draw is at the summer carnival, which this year falls on Wednesday, August 5th.

The money from the raffle all gets invested back into the Rotary's various charities.

The Rotary International engine has a unique system of grant funding, where charitable donations from local clubs are subject to matching grants from other districts and clubs.

"We gave money last year to an eye clinic in India and our donation (between \$1000 and \$2000) ended up being \$24,000 by the time it got to the eye clinic (through Rotary's unique system of matching funding grants)," says O'Hara.

O'Hara says she's looking forward to her term as President of the Rotary here in Haliburton.

She says the whole experience has been quite rewarding.

She advises that anyone interested in joining needs to wait for an invitation.

Find a member and let them know you might be interested in becoming involved with Rotary's service initiatives.

For further information on Rotary in Haliburton visit their website at www.rotary.org and follow the links.



Change of Affairs: Maurcen O'Hara and Dan O'Hara, from Past President.

Just before (but just a different way is well known) brings an award given by the President annually for exemplary service. And was a Rotarian and very dedicated Haliburtonian - president was business man - whose family donated the plane to Rotary in honour. This year's recipient is Robert Gervais.

Interact Rotary Youth organization (age 14-18) started in our High School in Dec. 2004 (sponsored by Rotary Clubs of Haliburton and Minden). Primarily driven by Marcus Hewitt a previous Rotary exchange student. Next year's president will be Megan McDuff. Pictured are the 2 Vice-presidents for next year, Emily Roberts, and Ellie West.

Youth: Back row: Marcus Hewitt, Past President of Interact; Michael Calaghan, Exchange student to Belgium for 2004-05, and Interact member; Front row: Emily Roberts, Cindy Choi, and Ellie West.

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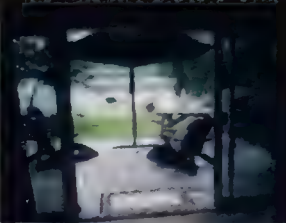


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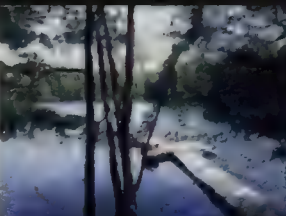


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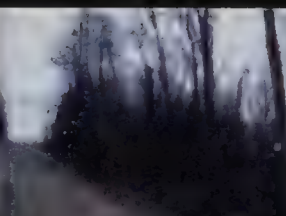


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Bob Popple was in some sense always in awe of John Arpin. As a young pianist at the annual Midland Music Festival, Popple remembers clearly the respect, even reverence, accorded to Arpin when he played. “He was five years older than me, which is a lot at that time of life, but he was always a commanding figure. He attacked the keyboard with passion and just incredible technique – this kid clearly meant business.” Popple’s older sister Mary was also a gifted pianist, a good friend of Arpin’s, and in the small communities of Penetanguishene and Port McNicoll, there were few strangers, particularly among the burgeoning musical community.

Popple went on to become a Engineering Physicist and worked for 32 years for the old Ontario Hydro. In 1972 he was in Toronto in charge of calming public fears about nuclear power that followed the infamous Three Mile Island accident in Pennsylvania. Popple stayed at the Chelsea Hotel for some time, where Arpin was a featured pianist. They renewed acquaintance over many dinners and discussions. “We ate at the Chelsea several times, and on the first of these occasions his encyclopaedic memory did not fail him,” Popple writes in his preface to his biography of Arpin. “He remembered me as ‘Mary’s little brother Bob, and there was a Don in there, too, wasn’t there?’ Sure enough. That would be my little brother, Don.”

This month Bob Popple proudly launched his exhaustive, fascinating and perhaps definitive biography of his childhood friend, the famous and infamous John Arpin. The book’s publication was formally celebrated at Toronto’s Arts and Letters Club to a sold-out audience of musicians, writers, and friends. Along with his brother Don (President of Haliburton’s Curry Motors), Bob then generously announced a donation of 100 copies of the book as a fundraiser for the Haliburton Highlands Hospital Services Foundation. The sale of these 100 copies will pay for at least half of one of the ceiling lifts recently purchased by the hospital.

Bob Popple became a writer almost out of the blue after his retirement from Hydro. His first book was a wonderful account of Haliburton artist Ethel Curry’s life and times titled *Northem Belle: The Life Story of Ethel Curry*. Arpin attended the launch of that book back

in 2003, at which time he agreed to Popple’s request to collaborate on the biography. Thereupon he began a journey that lasted almost three years, encompassed dozens of meetings, and literally hundreds of hours of tapes. Arpin once told Popple that he had “hundreds of stories to tell, but nothing that would be printable.” Popple told the Voice that he was just astonished and grateful at how candid and forthcoming his subject was. “Arpin was a true musical prodigy and genius, there’s no doubt,” says Popple, “but he led a real rollercoaster of a life, filled with incredible highs and lows, both professionally and personally. His private life was, frankly, lurid and wild. He was married three times, went broke more than once, and survived terrible professional management and some very bad breaks. He actually recorded more albums than any other Canadian performer except Oscar Peterson, but he played in so many genres that no one ever knew how to categorize him. But he had the enduring and



passionate respect of some of our greatest musicians, including Glenn Gould, Peter Appleyard, Guido Basso, and Gene DiNovi, among many others.”

Arpin had not only perfect pitch and an extraordinary musical memory, but also an ability to adapt his technique and style to almost any musical genre or discipline. In his biography, Popple explores Arpin’s musical roots and family background – and clearly there lurked some genius genes somewhere in his background. But nothing that really explained how unique a prodigy Arpin really was. I told Popple of an essay written in the 1970s by the English critic George Steiner where he examined whether or not there had ever been any lasting contribution to human art or knowledge by pre-pubescent children. He concluded that in only three areas was that the case: music, mathematics and chess. As proof, think no further than Mozart, Bertrand Russell, and Bobby Fischer. All three disciplines are related deeply to form and structure – and Steiner hypothesized that child prodigies actually might feel pain, literally, when the structures weren’t right and hence produced original works of the imagination that actually relieved the pain. Popple said he thought this could well have been the case with Arpin, citing the following passage from his biography:

“In 1983 Arpin met Anton Kwiatkowski, a recording engineer with whom he worked for more than 20 years. Kwiatkowski had been invited to Canada in 1977 to upgrade the recording quality of the CBC’s in-house, SM5000 label which he completed successfully in 1981. The Canadian recording industry reaped a windfall with Kwiatkowski’s presence. At the time of this writing he has had 98 Juno nominations and 21 Juno awards to his credit. Kwiatkowski is unquestionably a Canadian recording-engineering star.

“At their first recording session in an auditorium in 1987, Anton was startled when John jumped to his feet just after the session had started and complained loudly about some ‘dishes resonating in the key of F-sharp!’ Anton halted the session and inspected the kitchen adjacent to the auditorium, but found nothing untoward. Then he suddenly realized that John was referring to a ‘flutter echo’ in the higher frequencies of the hall acoustics. Everyone was floored. That was their introduction to Arpin’s acute sense of hearing and perfect pitch. Adjustments obviously had to be made to eliminate an effect that no one else could hear.

“Subsequently Arpin made several recordings in Anton’s home. Normally an album would take two or more days’ work. With Arpin, including ample time to chat and ... a two-hour lunch, they were typically able to lay down two 90-minute recording sessions each day. Kwiatkowski described Arpin as ‘an extremely gifted musician, technically and mentally. Despite his small hands, he possessed remarkable technique and could adjust quickly to any piano. He could play any standard in any key from memory and

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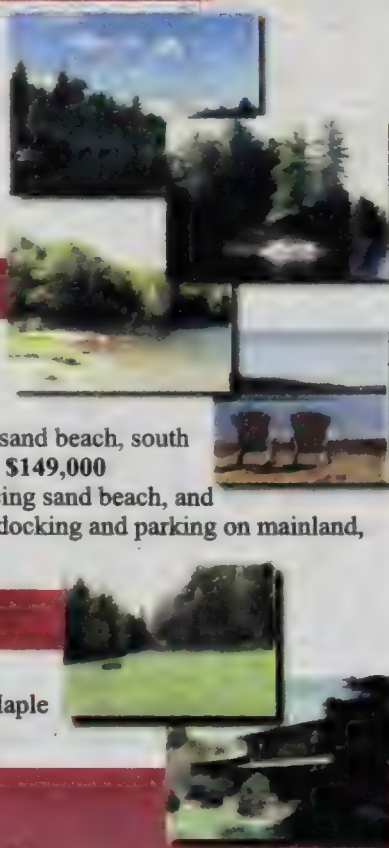
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Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary Accepts Generous Donation

Echo Hills Legion Apartment Residents Make \$500 Contribution



Thanks to a couple of fundraising initiatives combined with the hard work of Echo Hills Legion Apartments' residents, the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary has an extra \$500 to put to good use.

An official cheque presentation was made by the residents and Brian Dean, President of the Residents Association, to Judy Skinner, President of Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary, on Thursday, June 18 at the Echo Hills building.

"The residents in this county are outstandingly generous," said Skinner, "and they are very proud of their hospital facility."

Skinner said that the funds will go towards the auxiliary's future purchase of a complete blood count (CBC) analyzer for the Haliburton hospital.

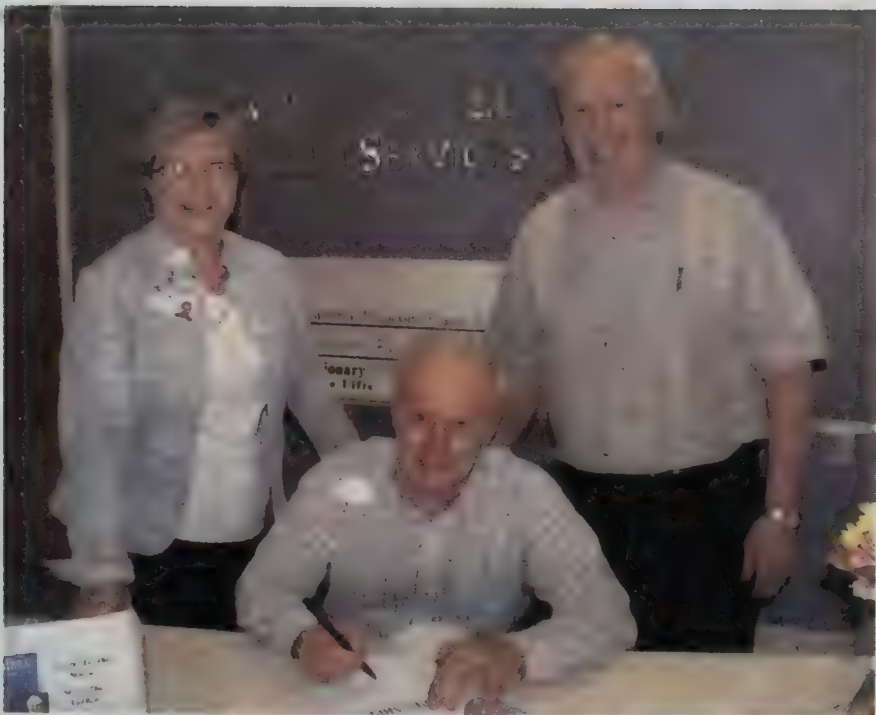
According to Dean, the funds were raised through a recent trash and treasure sale at the apartment, profits from Bingo and other events. Some residents also made private donations.

The apartment residents set out to contribute to local causes twice annually. They will donate another \$500 in the fall to another community group.

Last winter the residents contributed \$500 to the Haliburton 4C's food bank. ■

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had a prodigious knowledge well beyond the area in which he performed."

Popple's biography makes for a fascinating read, filled with intimate details of Arpin's intriguing and crazy personal and professional life. It's also an extremely valuable addition to our knowledge of the complex, and often frustrating, professional music scene in the Canada of the last half of the 20th century. In some ways it's a very revealing musical history of that period, as Arpin's life and career touched almost all aspects of Canada's musical life.

So what's the next project for Bob Popple — engineer-turned-successful author? "Well, it's far from being nailed down, but I've always been a great fan of Diana Krall, and it just happens that she's a neighbour of mine out in B.C. There's a chance, just a chance, that I might be able to persuade her, as a result of this book, to allow me enough access to do a biography. I'd just love that. And I'm also trying to see if Joni Mitchell might give me the same kind of access. The chance to write in depth about either of these great Canadian musicians would be just wonderful."

Popple's book, "John Arpin — Keyboard Virtuoso" is published by Dundurn Press, and is available from local bookstores, and major chains and independents across the country. You can also buy a copy at the Haliburton Hospital during normal office hours, and contribute to the ceiling lift funding initiative at the same time. Undercover Books in Haliburton is also supporting the fundraising initiative. ■

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Living Without Pesticides

By Theresa Wright, Environment Haliburton (EH!)

The last place we expect to encounter serious health hazards is in our parks, gardens, and schoolyards. Yet until a couple of months ago, we were all exposed to pesticides in green spaces even if we didn't use them ourselves. This changed on Earth Day this year, when 250 garden pesticides were banned in Ontario because of the risks pesticides pose to human health and the environment.

Synthetic chemical pesticides enter our bodies through our lungs and skin. Children, the elderly, pregnant women, people with asthma and allergies, cancer patients, and those with compromised immune systems are particularly vulnerable.

For more than 60 years, pesticides have been used liberally to control garden weeds and pests. Now we are trying to figure out how to grow healthy green spaces without using harmful chemicals. The best way to do this is through the use of common-sense gardening practices. To begin with, healthy gardens need good soil. You can add organic matter such as compost or manure to the soil to enrich it. Next, choose plants that can be adapted to the long winters and short summers of Haliburton County (Zone 4). Make sure they get enough air, sun and water.

Once your garden is growing, check regularly for insect infestations, disease, and weeds. Insects can harm plants, but keep in mind that many of them are beneficial to the garden. Remove harmful insects from plants by hand and squish them, or drop them into soapy water. Beneficial insects, on the other hand, lower pest populations by eating decaying matter or other insects. Your garden needs them. Keep an eye out for diseased plants. Prune them right away and get rid of the diseased clippings. Make sure your plants are suited to garden conditions, soil and climate. Then they will resist disease far more effectively. A weed is just a plant out of place. The best way to deal with weeds is to dig them out by hand, roots and all, after rain or early in the morning when the ground is soft. To prevent or slow down weed growth, mulch garden beds with compost, bark, leaves or wood chips. Lawn care includes aerating, overseeding, mowing only when grass is 2"-3" high, mulching with grass clippings, and watering deeply about once a week. To aerate a lawn, remove plugs of dirt so that air, water and nutrients can reach the roots. Overseed by scattering grass seed over the lawn in early spring or late fall.

Green spaces are not only great places to be, they benefit the environment enormously. Trees, shrubs, flowers, grasses, and ground cover lower summer temperatures significantly, reduce surface water runoff and erosion, remove pollutants from the air, absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen. For a green, pesticide-free approach to gardening in Ontario see Pesticide Free Ontario: www.pesticidefreeontario.ca; Pesticide Free Naturally; www.gca.ca; or Environment Haliburton! www.environmenthaliburton.ca. □

JDH Students Go Above and Beyond for Bed Kits

\$1,120 Raised for Children in Need,
Rotary Club of Haliburton Also Do-
nates



What would seem to be a difficult goal to reach turned out to be a piece of cake for the student body at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School (JDH).

This year, the students decided to raise money in an effort to provide bed kits to families in underdeveloped countries around the world. On Thursday, June 18 during pajama day at the school, students gathered in the school gym to present a cheque for \$1,120 to Alan Ingram, a volunteer for Sleeping Children Around the World (SCAW) and superior court judge.

Because the SCAW organization fully relies on volunteers, all of funds that go to the group reach children in need. Each bed kit costs \$35 (in Canadian funds) and contains a mat or mattress, pillow, mosquito net, sheet, blanket, clothes, a towel and school supplies.

Of the total amount raised, \$700 was collected by the students through activities such as a candy cane sale, school dances and a spare change drive. The Rotary Club of Haliburton agreed to match what the students raised (up to \$500).

"This is really remarkable for a school of this size," said Ingram, adding that SCAW volunteers deliver over 60,000 bed kits every year. In the past, donations have been delivered to places like Uganda, India, Nicaragua and the Philippines.

SCAW was founded in 1970 by Murray and Margaret Dryden, the parents of former NHL goaltenders Ken and Dave. Since then the not-for-profit organization has raised over \$20 million to provide bed kits to over 900,000 children in 33 countries. This year the organization expects to reach its one-millionth child.

JDH Principal Traci Hubbert said that the students chose this particular charity because they learned how it helps children and they wanted to make sure the money would end up in the right place.

"They really could relate to children in need, so this is what they voted to do," said Hubbert. ■

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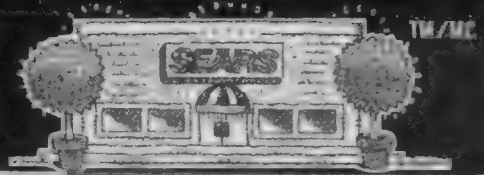
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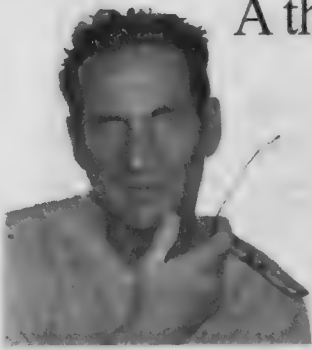
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Donte Stallworth's 30 day Sentence for Vehicular Manslaughter

A thin edge on the thin line of a road less traveled



Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

Mother's Against Drunk Driving are "MADD as hell and they're not going to take it anymore."

Cleveland Browns receiver

er Donte Stallworth made all the wrong headlines last week when his sentence for vehicular manslaughter was handed down.

For those of you who aren't up on your Twitter or the sports blogs, Stallworth, a millionaire, was sentenced to a 30-day sentence, a lifetime suspension of his driver's license, 1,000 hours of community service, two years of house arrest and eight years of probation.

This for driving drunk and killing a fellow human being.

Roger Goodell, National Football League commissioner - and the most dour pro sports gavel-wielder since major league baseball hired Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis to instill order after the Chicago White Sox threw the World Series for a couple sawbucks back in 1919 - suspended Stallworth indefinitely.

MADD is angry because the settlement also included a stipulation for a \$1500 donation from Stallworth to Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

They told the Miami Dade court and Stallworth to shove it where the Chivas don't shine.

A spokesperson for the group said, "We have heard there may be a contribution to MADD in the settlement and if that is true, we will not accept any monies. This case is a clear test of the NFL's continued tolerance of drunk driving among its players. We are closely watching what the NFL does."

The hanging judge Goodell hath spoke. The court spoke. The family of the victim spoke.

Public opinion is still trailing spit, high dudgeon and rancor.

For the record, here's what happened.

Stallworth ambled out of a Miami hotel bar on March 14, hopped into his black Bentley and ran over 59-year-old Mario Reyes minutes later.

Reyes was crossing the road to catch a bus.

Court docs said he was jaywalking.

He didn't see the Bentley.

Stallworth didn't notice Reyes.

Reyes died.

Stallworth registered a .126 blood alcohol level when tested, well above the Florida legal limit of .08.

Stallworth faced as much as 15 years in prison.

He received thirty days.

The Reyes family has stated in court and pub-



licly that they are happy with the situation as it stands.

In lieu of civil action the Reyes family agreed to an undisclosed out of court payment.

Stallworth could afford it.

So he paid it.

It saved him a civil suit.

And it apparently curried some favour with the judge.

Some things should be noted for the record.

Miami-Dade Circuit Judge Dennis Murphy weighed all the evidence and listened to the statements.

He concluded that Stallworth - who called 911 after the accident and agreed to all of the court-ordered censures - deserved as much leniency as the Miami-Dade prosecutor's office was offering.

Is it Stallworth's fault that the court came up with the sentence?

Probably not.

Is it Stallworth's fault that Mario Reyes won't be with his

family to celebrate July 4th next week?

Damn right.

Justice may be blind in the US justice system.

But the good lady certainly knows when her palms are being greased by a foldable Benjamin.

A long time-honored quirk of the American judicial system.

There's a huge price paid for that equality under the law.

Just ask OJ. Or Robert Blake.

Donte Stallworth was an idiot for getting into his Bentley.

Especially considering that he has the monetary wherewithal to hire a cab, or a sober driver for god's sake.

It's an interesting fact of life and sports in general.

In cottage country, sports and leisurely summer pursuits often go hand in golf glove with a nice cold beverage.

Breweries have long been associated with pro sports teams.

An athlete kicking back is just a harmless fact of life.

I am reminded of something my mother used to tell me, when I would engage in unsafe activities with yard darts, unfriendly Rottweiler's, or bow and arrows.

"It's a lot of fun until someone loses an eye."

I was driving home down County Road 21 in Haliburton last week when I passed a pickup truck on the shoulder.

The OPP SUV unit had pulled the truck over.

On the side edge of the pickup's box was a lineup of bottles of various sizes and colors.

A few beer bottles, a 26 and another assortment of coolers and sundry bevies.

One OPP officer was busy interviewing the driver, while the other was searching the cab for additions to the rogues-gallery of half-full bottles lining the side edge of the pickup.

I have a few Mothers Against Drunk Driving ribbons in the glove box of my ride.

And I was also coming home from a photo shoot, armed with my Canon camera and 3 gigabytes of space on my video card.

Two thoughts occurred to me as I passed the scene.

One concerned the MADD Ribbons and the empty antenna on the pickup truck. And the other involved an entertaining little dovetail to my Canon XT1.

I took a look at one of the possible combatants, built a little like a linebacker, and backed my foot off the brake.

Sometimes my serious side gets the better of my twinklin' sense of hah-hah.

I pulled into my driveway smiling and thinking of my mother's sage advice.

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Real Easy Ryders visit Bracebridge



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Many of the outings are held in the local region, but sometimes the club ventures beyond the county. On June 16th club members pedaled the scenic roads in Bracebridge. The meet-up place in this case happened to be in the parking lot of a small industrial area. As members arrived the focus inevitably turned to bicycles: unloading bicycles from racks, suiting up, final modifications to seats, pedals and gears, wardrobe adjustments, water bottles and a route summary. Although some cyclists appeared to rival Lance Armstrong in attire and equipment, others seemed content mounting CCM's and sporting beach shorts. But the fashion sense didn't seem to matter, as each rider had a group to cycle with. There was encouragement and assistance for anyone who needed it. If Bracebridge, Fenelon Falls, Lakefield and Orillia aren't far enough away to interest bicycle enthusiasts, the group is planning a European tour this fall.

The club is an affiliate of the Ontario Cycling Association and the Canadian Cycling Association. To find out more about the Real Easy Ryders, check out their web site at: <http://www.haliburtonrealeasyryders.com/default.htm> ■

Cyclists Leave Haliburton for Newfoundland: Raising Money for Special Olympians



Left to Right: Cyclists Ben Collings and Dave Millington, Special Olympians Jerry Corby and Trevor Brauer, Cyclist Bruce Fisher, Special Olympians Jason Hollowell and Bradley Trumbull. In front is a small spruce tree which the cyclists will plant on their arrival in Newfoundland.

Over 100 friends gathered at Jim and Marilyn Burrows' home in Minden to wish a bon voyage to Bruce Fisher, Dave Millington, and Ben Collings who are bicycling from Haliburton Highlands to Newfoundland. Their cause is for our Special Olympians in our County. So far they have raised approximately \$6000.

Their journey started on Wednesday, June 24th at Highway 118 & 35, Carnarvon at 6:30 am. Bruce and Dave are cycling while Ben follows in the van. Their spouses, Judith Fisher, Barbara Millington and Jeanette Collings will meet them later in North Sydney, Nova Scotia. Contributions to this cause can be made by contacting Judith Fisher at 489-1312, Barbara Millington at 286-1320, or Yvette Brauer at 488-2282. ■

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Youth Unlimited and the Bridge Sail into Year Three

As Jamie McMahon relaxes and looks back at the first two years of the Bridge Youth Centre he can't help but feel an overwhelming sense of accomplishment, pride, as well as profound gratitude to the Haliburton community. Jamie is the Haliburton Highlands Satellite Director for Kawartha Youth Unlimited, a not-for profit, church based program that "reaches out to youth".

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Although without question a Christian organization, the Bridge and Youth Unlimited's mission is entirely inclusive: neither Jamie, nor his staff and volunteers, actively preach at the youth they interact with on a daily basis. "We provide a safe place for youth to be," says Jamie. "We play pool, play music, talk, and hear their stories. And we provide programs for kids and young people from every kind of background. Our programs are by no means meant solely for so-called 'problem kids'. We're certainly there to help if there are problems, but that's not where we start."

Youth Unlimited provides a number of programs throughout the school year that touch the lives of Haliburton children from ages 10 through 20. The Bridge program is a highly successful after school gathering place for 10 to 14 year olds that operates out of the old Victoria Street public school. It's so successful it's now taken over the entire second floor of the school, space it shares with the Adult Education and Training Centre's programs during the day. This year the program ran every Friday from after school until about 6 pm and attracted about 40 kids each week. The Bridge has now contracted with the Training Centre to continue using the facility for the next number of years: in fact the program will be available Wednesdays and Fridays starting in September. "With the help of our various fundraisers, and some additional help from the Haliburton Community Development Corporation we've been able to provide a really unique venue, with musical instruments, guitars, acoustic, bass, drums, as well as digital cameras, arts supplies, and computer software."

Youth Unlimited also provides a "Coffee House" program for youth 14 to 20 Friday evenings, also at the Victoria Street School, that's attracted up to 30 young people. "We have an Open Stage -- all kinds of local bands have showed up -- the music is great, and again it's a safe place for youth to be, to interact, and to talk if they feel like it. We have a no-alcohol, no drugs policy which is almost always respected. There have been some incidents, but mostly they've worked out so we've been able to help the individual."

There is also a close connection between Youth Unlimited and local schools. "Our Youth Outreach worker is Mary Cannon, who operates the Haven program at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School once a week after school, as well as running a High School program, working with the Students' Council and helping with some literacy programs. Mary is a former teacher who has become immersed in the school programs. And the cooperation of the

school authorities, Principal Gary Brohman at the High School, and Traci Hubbert at JDH has been great.

"But we're really not counsellors in the traditional sense. We're really becoming mentors, which is the key to what we hope will be the next stage of the program. We're planning to start a mentoring training and recruitment program this fall, and are looking for adults to take part. We're not trying to replace Big Brothers, however. I love Big Brothers, and have been one, but we're looking for men and women who have perhaps just two or so hours a week that they could spend with a young person. That will be a key to our future success, building on what we've managed to accomplish so far in the Bridge, Haven, Coffee House and High School programs."

This summer Youth Unlimited will be providing a wide range of programs, including Drop-In at the Victoria Street School on Thursdays for six weeks from 7 - 9:30 pm starting July 9th for 10 to 13 year olds; and on Fridays from 8-10 pm starting July 10th for 14 to 22 year olds. Every Wednesday they'll be Street Hockey for the 10 to 16 year old crowd and a special Photography Art Camp July 15th - 17th.

There will also be a chance to go wakeboarding on July 20th and August 10th, a Woodworking Art Camp in August, and a wild Battle of the Bands and Manic Drive Concert at Head Lake Park on August 15th.

To register for these programs simply call Jamie McMahon at 854-0401, or by email at Jamie@youthunlimitedkaw.com, or go to www.youthunlimitedkaw.com.

Youth Unlimited has shown that caring adults can connect in a positive and productive way with all kinds of young people and really make a difference. "And the support of the community, church groups, business groups, and the schools has been amazing," says McMahon. "As they say, we sure couldn't do it without you!" ■

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Students Get Creative for Empty Bowls Project

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Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

April Gates, a local artist and Haliburton School of the Arts professor, recently got together with students in the area to help them use their imagination for a couple of good causes in the Empty Bowls program.

This past April, students in grades 4-6 in Tanya Bain's class began working with the potter. Gates also worked alongside Stephanie Metzger's grade 3 class for the project that allows students to create two ceramic bowls – one which they get to keep and the other which is put up for sale to benefit a good local cause.

In Wilberforce, funds raised from the bowls will go directly to the Wilberforce food bank, and in Haliburton, funds will be distributed to the Haliburton 4C's food bank.

Some bowls are still available for purchase at both schools at a suggested price of \$15.

Last year, the Empty Bowls program was delivered in partnership with The Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre and the Ontario Arts Council. ■



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McMaster Salutes His Graduates

2009 D.A.R.E. Class Receives Certificates and Recognition at Poignant Ceremony



For a period of nine weeks, Grade 6 students from J.D. Hodgson Elementary School were under the watchful eye of Haliburton Highlands OPP Const. Mark McMaster who taught them about the dangers associated with alcohol and drug use as part of the annual Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program.

On Thursday, June 18 at the school gymnasium, the D.A.R.E. grads of 2009 were recognized by school staff, McMaster, family, and friends for successfully completing the program.

"This is nice to see, after serving 28 years in the force," said McMaster in his opening remarks. "At times you can get a bit jaded in this line of work."

He then told students to strive to reach their goals. He spoke of one of Haliburton County's rising hockey star who did and is progressing to where he wants to be because of his determination.

"Matt Duchene's goal was to become an athlete," said McMaster. "It's important you all stick to your goals even if some kids around you get off-track."



McMaster has had the honour, and the task, of teaching the D.A.R.E. program to students for the past six years.

Before McMaster handed out the D.A.R.E. certificates, a few essays written by students on the benefits of the program were read aloud and dramatic possible scenarios were played out by each of the Grade 6 classes. Two classes put on skits, one performed a rap song and the other showed a video they produced.

Here is a full list of all the graduates in each class:

6A Ms. Shantz – Cody Bain, Travis Bird, Brodie Clancy, Amanda Clement, Paige Cowan, Chris Docherty, Adam Douma, Ryan Draper, Owen Flood, Faith Graham-Stovin, Alexis Granger, Brittany Haywood, Lucas Johnson, Vanessa Kennedy, Blake Lambshead, Jessica Lancaster, Tatum McTeague, Amber Miscio, Jordan Nimigon, Braden Roberts, Keith Smith, Travis Titus, Taylor Urquhart, Alexander Yake.

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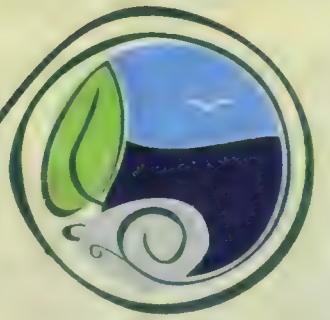
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6/7 Mr. Buchanan – Johnathan Dudgeon, Kendall Harrison, Connor Marsden, Alex Miller-Gerrard, Ryot Munshaw, Johnathon Needham, Josie Paterson, Matthew Paul, Amber Perry, Hunter Smith, Shelby Smith, Brooke Stinson, Jaymi Tomazic, Devon Upton, Jordan Watts, Eric Wyer.

The D.A.R.E. program has been implemented in 43 countries worldwide. The police officer-led series gives students from kindergarten through to Grade 12, "the knowledge they need to resist peer pressure and live productive drug and violence-free lives." ■



Catching Green



Catching Green Marks First Anniversary

On Thursday, June 18th, Catching Green, a Haliburton business that promotes business eco-sustainability through their website, hosted a Community Meeting that coincided with their first year anniversary. Held in the boardroom of Patient News Publishing, the attendees and Directors reviewed progress and offered suggestions and ideas to support the initiative.

Unveiled was the new Community Eco-Calendar resource – a listing of eco events in Haliburton County (e.g. Haliburton Farmer's Market) with details and contact information, and the Community Forum where visitors to www.catchinggreen.com may interact through the sharing of ideas. Catching Green also announced a recent award, the WhatTheyThink environmental award from Unisource USA, and two much-appreciated nominations from the Haliburton Land Trust in the categories of education and business.

In addition to the Haliburton County community eco focus, CatchingGreen.com offers how-to templates which present information on how to "green" your business. New templates are continually being added as new research is completed.

Catching Green would like to hear from businesses in our community who have made eco-friendly changes to the workplace. Directors welcome you to join the group at www.catchinggreen.com (it's free) and share your story with other members, encouraging like-minded business people in their quest to be eco-conscious. ■

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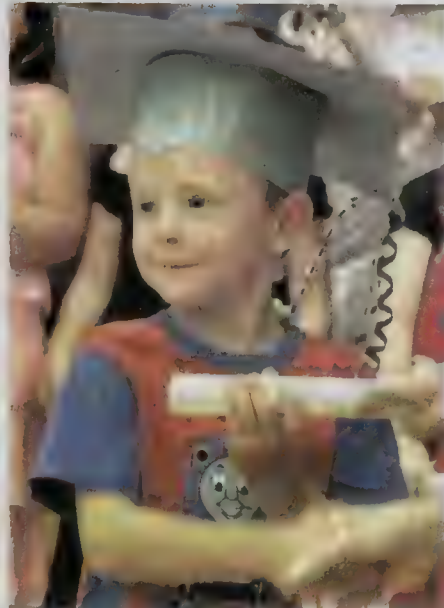
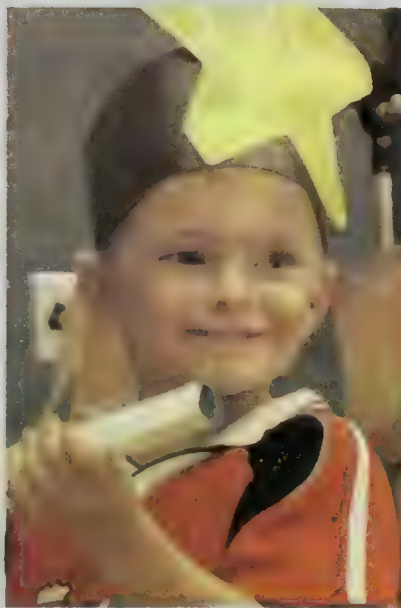
Four Classes of Kinders and One Teacher Graduate

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Lyn Winans



Four classes of kinders graduated at ASES this past week. Although the grads were small, the enthusiasm certainly wasn't. Along with the crowd of emotional students and parents, there was certainly one especially reflective teacher. After twenty years of kinder-grads, Toos Reid is retiring from teaching and plans to spend more time with her grandkids. Seems it's the only way she can avoid "hug-withdrawal". ■



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Work of Hal High Students Examines Prevalent Social Issues in Society

Mark Arike

Staff Reporter

Left to right: Brittany Howe, Katie Findeis, SIRCH Marketer Nancy Brownsberger, Kaily Schell, Ali Henwood and Jessica Slade.



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This year's successful Hike for Hospice held in May generated \$13,000 for palliative care programs in the community - but that wasn't all. Shortly before the event started organizers learned that they would receive an additional \$5,000 because of the work of a few Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) students.

Grade 10 students Katie Findeis, Brittany Howe, Ali Henwood, Kaily Schell and Jessica Slade in Kevin Ray's civic class all worked on a school project for which they had to make a presentation on a local, grassroots charity of their choice. They decided to go with SIRCH Community Services & Consulting, a not-for-profit organization that provides community-based direct services, as well as consulting training and effective resources.

The assignment was part of the Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI), a program that aims to help students learn about the fundamentals of philanthropy. The program is provided free of charge to schools by the Toskan Casale Foundation, an organization that strives to support groups that provide aid to at-risk-people with immediate relief and long-term stability.

The project they put together - which included a PowerPoint presentation and a skit performance - addressed social issues such as poverty, teen pregnancy and bullying.

In the skit part of their presentation, each student had a role to play. Findeis acted out

the part of narrator as Gena Robertson (SIRCH Executive Director), Howe filled in for Schell in a roll as a pregnant teenager, Henwood was a bully victim and Slade held two roles, one as a woman with cancer and another as a man with a pregnant wife who would soon have to face breastfeeding.

"We competed with other groups in our class and then one group from the class was chosen to go up against other civics classes in the school," explained Slade, adding that high school staff, student co-prime ministers and an YPI representative judged the presentations.

For being selected as having the best overall project, the students, along with SIRCH Social Marketer Nancy Brownsberger, went down to the Metro Toronto Convention Centre in Toronto at the end of May to receive the \$5,000 grant they have since handed over to SIRCH.

So how did the students feel about the work they put into the project and what did they learn?

"It made us more aware about the current situation (poverty) in Haliburton," said Slade.

"It showed me just how many people SIRCH actually helps," added Henwood.

In a phone interview with The Voice, Gena Robertson said that the students who participated in the YPI initiative did an excellent job in raising awareness of some of the key issues in Haliburton County.

"This program bridges the generations," explained Robertson. "You have youth finding out about different services that serve the different age ranges. You typically wouldn't see students inquiring about hospice, but here they were. It really allowed them to perform research, find out about their community and get involved."

SIRCH provides a number of services in the community, including programs that address early childhood learning, preparing for motherhood, healthy eating and community hospice.

Robertson said that the funds from YPI will go to help fund SIRCH services that need it the most.

For more information about the Toskan Casale Foundation visit www.toskanfoundation.org.

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High School Students Reach Out Globally

Rotary Interact Group Nets Over \$4,200 to Improve the Lives of Ugandans

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

A tight-knit group of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) students have proven that with teamwork, drive and compassion, you can make a difference.

Over the past school year, student members of the local Rotary Interact chapter have been busy raising funds through various events in an effort to help the people of Uganda provide nutritious food to their families and increase their income potential through agricultural production.

"Women's groups have benefited from them by renting them out to neighbouring communities...displaced individuals who have recently returned to their villages can begin working on agriculture," she said.

Marcus Hewitt, President of the Rotary Interact chapter and Grade 12 student, explained how the students managed to pull off such a remarkable feat.

"We organized an 'African Safari' party in the cafeteria, an 'I Am Silent' day, bake sales, a coffee house and a dance," said Hewitt.

Gary Brohman, Principal of HHSS, commended the students for "building a culture at the school" and being aware of the global issues that affect many.

"This is part of raising awareness," said Brohman. "It's a small world and we have to help out. Nothing gets done unless people choose to lead."

Steve Ferracuti, a local doctor who is on the board of directors

for CPAR, was also in attendance at the recent cheque presentation. Ferracuti visited Uganda last year with his kids Maddie and Joe, and it was because of their trip that Rotary Interact members began talking about providing aid to the people of that area.

The Rotary Interact chapter at HHSS was started up last November. Interact is Rotary International's service club for young people ages 14 to 18. The clubs are sponsored by individual Rotary clubs, which provide support and guidance to the self-governing and self-support groups.

Each year Interact clubs complete at least two community service projects, one of which furthers international understanding and goodwill.

To learn more about this CPAR initiative and others visit www.faceofgiving.ca.



On Friday, June 12 at the high school, students with the service club delivered a cheque for \$4,265 to Claire Wadhvani, a representative for Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief (CPAR). The funds will go to purchase about a dozen oxen, which are used to plow fields.

"I was blown away to see how much money you all raised," Wadhvani told the students. "This is definitely above and beyond what we hoped you'd raise."

Wadhvani then asked the students if they'd be interested in being featured in an upcoming CPAR newsletter – to which they all agreed. She also said that she plans on returning to the school to show the group proof (i.e. video, photos) of how their donation has gone to make a difference in the lives of others.

A number of identified groups of people in the East African country will benefit from the oxen, said Wadhvani.

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On Saturday night shortly after 8:00pm an officer was on patrol and had occasion to stop a pickup truck on Hamilton Road in the Township of Minden Hills. The officer had conversation with the driver who was subsequently arrested and taken to the Haliburton Highlands Detachment.

Charged with Impaired Driving and Driving Over 80mgs is Richard Hart 56 years of Dysart et al. Mr. Hart will be appearing in Minden Court on Aug 3, 2009 in relation to the charges. ■

Cadets Hold 24th Annual Inspection

Highlands East Reeve and Haliburton County Warden Dave Burton had the honour of reviewing the Haliburton Cadet Corps for this year's 24th annual inspection. The 15 cadets held the parade at the Haliburton Legion last Tuesday where Warden Burton presented awards for achievement.

Lt/Commander D. Rolfe also presented Captain Dan Collings with an award for his 12 years of service to the Cadet Corps. Captain Mike Brodhagen was also honoured for his 18 years of service with the Canadian Armed Forces. □



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A capacity field of 36 athletes competed in the triathlon competition consisting of golf, bowling and darts. The competition was intense and luckily there were copious amounts of beverages on hand to keep the contestants properly hydrated.

The foursome of Dave Farrell, Gran Shaw, Dan Arbour and McKye Shaw claimed victory by winning the golf competition and coming third in bowling. They narrowly edged out the team of Mike and Vera Walroth and Barry and Nancy Hughes, who finished first in the bowling competition and tied for fourth in the golf competition. A great day of fun was had by all.

Andy and Valerie Lennox of The Fast Lane in Minden joined Dave and Sonia of the Beaverbrook Golf course to host the event. ■



Left to right: Dan Arbour, McKye Shaw, Grant Shaw and Dave Farrell.



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Stuart Baker and JD Hodgson French Immersion Students Trod the Boards

Une Soiree de Theatres Francais – a nice night of play and song

Students from JD Hodgson and Stuart Baker French Immersion program classes had a chance to strut their stuff and show off their various "Brangelinic" chops last Tuesday (June 16th) at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

Children from grades three to eight performed in a full evening's run of six plays, performed and sung in French.

Five of the six plays presented were written, composed and produced by volunteer playwright and director Robert Bourdon. Monsieur Bourdon also volunteered his time during the many rehearsals leading up to the evening.

Blake Paton, whose fifth grade class performed a play about the legendary Quebecois runner Alexis Lapointe, says that the annual evening is always well attended, but all the same, he says the kids were all excited by the SRO crowd last Tuesday.

His grade five play about a Quebecois runner provided a nice dovetail with both sports and local Quebecois lore.

Lapointe was born with a facial deformity and like Forest Gump decided to run from, rather than fight, his tormenters. Lapointe was so fast that he became known as Alexis le Trotteur because of his penchant for running against horses at county fairs across Quebec in the mid-1800s.

All six plays were performed entirely in French. A program was provided in English to keep the English only parents in the crowd apprised of the action on stage.

The auditorium at Northern Lights was literally standing room only, filled chock-a-block with parents of the numerous students who were on stage performing in the year-end wrap-up of their French immersion experience.

Paton says that attendance in French Immersion classes in Haliburton has blossomed over the past several years.

An announcement, at the beginning of the night of plays, regarding the implementation of the first ever French Certificate program at the Haliburton Highlands High School (HHSS) - beginning this coming fall semester 2009 - was greeted by a round of applause from all the parents in attendance.

Paton says that a number of local parents in addition to a dedicated cadre of teachers have been advocating for the certificate for a number of years.

For graduates of the JDH and SBES French Immersion classes, it means that they will be able to continue their French studies in a more thoroughgoing manner when they get to high school.

Paton adds that there is a danger of losing French skills when French Immersion students from JDH and SBES get to the higher grades, because the core French offered at high school is not an effective carryover of the comprehensive French Immersion offered in the lower grades.

Paton says the high school is still working out the details of the certificate program and how it will move forward. But he says that it's a step in a very positive direction and will also open up the field to French Immersion students who wish to continue their language studies in high school.

Meanwhile, says Paton, this night of plays and singing, gives the parents of the French Immersion students

a little glance into how their own kids are progressing in their French studies.

He said a lot of the success of the current programs, and the Soiree de Theatre Francais is due to Peggy Flowers whose Core French 5A class performed *Comment y aller?* a story about a girl from Quebec who travels by foot, car, boat, train and spaceship to visit a friend in Paris, France.

The other plays included a grade three presentation called *Le Magasin de Jouets* which featured the grade threes in a romp through a magical toy store.

The grade four class performed in *Les Voyageurs de la Gatineau* a story about the beginnings of Ottawa – or Bytown.

The grade six and seven class performed in *La Petite Orpheline*, the story of a little girl left on the doorsteps of an orphanage. The little girls, like the poor aforementioned Alexis le Trotteur is bullied mercilessly because she has green skin. She sings her way to stardom in a "Quebec Idol" contest.

And the grade seven and eight class performed in *Le Loup-Garou*, based on the many legends of Were-Wolfs that were prevalent in the early days of the Quebec colony.

Paton added that kudos should go to Bourdon, Flowers, the teachers, Danielle Perry, the Canadian Parents for French (CPF), June Smith (HHSS), Debra Dart (Northern Lights) and all of the parents that made the evening such a success.

Of course he said all of the students from the French Immersion classes here in Haliburton deserve "Un Gros Merci!" or the biggest thank you, for working so hard on the songs, the scenery and the performance. ■



Terrance Gavan

Staff Reporter



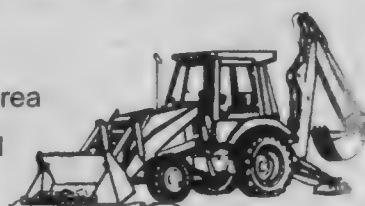
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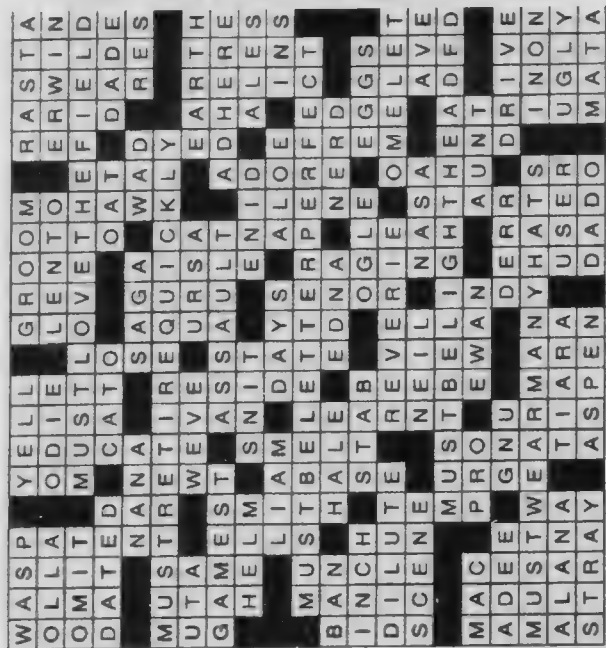
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WOMAN'S SEE-THROUGH STYLE LEAVES LITTLE TO IMAGINATION

DEAR ABBY: I have been involved with "Barbie" for about six months. She's everything I ever wanted in a mate. We have a similar sense of humor, and our goals and ambitions are almost identical. Our values match, too — except for one: My sense of propriety seems to be a stumbling block. Abby, Barbie wears sheer tops and no bra. She doesn't usually wear any undergarments, either, even when she's in a fairly short skirt. I grew up Southern Baptist, raised around women who feel that kind of attire is unacceptable and trashy. While the female body is, to me, one of the most beautiful things on Earth, I was brought up to believe that leaving something to the imagination is more desirable than showing everything. Barbie says I've got hang-ups, and I don't necessarily disagree. How can I deal with this? — TRYING TO LOOSEN UP IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR TRYING: While you didn't mention it specifically, it appears you live far from your family and no longer attend church regularly — because you do not seem to be taking into account what kind of impression Barbie is going to make when she is exposed to them. Barbie may be a lovely woman, but she needs to understand that there are other ways to attract attention than the way she's going about it, and if you are seriously considering a future with her, you will try harder to get that message across. If she cares about you, she will compromise. That's how you "deal with it."

DEAR ABBY: Millions of baby boomers are caring for, or offering moral support to, parents or other seniors. It is sometimes hard to find the time and motivation to go and visit, and challenging to hold conversations. May I offer a suggestion to them? This is what I did for my sweet father-in-law when he was in his late 80s and newly widowed. Rather than visit him at his home, I would pick him up and take him for rides. I made it a "sentimental journey," driving him around to his former homes, places of employment, schools the kids attended, churches where marriages were held.

He loved it. It not only gave him a chance to see old landmarks, but also how things were changing in the towns. It led to some wonderful discussions. I know for sure that long-term memories outlive short-term ones. — JERI IN GARDEN GROVE, CALIF.

DEAR JERI: Your suggestion is an excellent one, and you are sweet to share it with my readers. Your statement about long-term memory is true — and another effective way to stimulate it is through music. A gift older relatives might enjoy would be discs or tapes of popular music from the '40s and '50s. That, too, should lead to some interesting topics of conversation.

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FRESHMAN LEVEL

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2. A science-fiction TV program hosted by Rod Serling.

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3. "The Last of the Red Hot Mamas."

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GRADUATE LEVEL

4. Samuel Langhorne Clemens.

Answer _____

5. Collective term for the three biggest U.S. horse races.

Answer _____

6. Joyce Kilmer's famous poem.

Answer _____

PH.D. LEVEL

7. A narrative by Richard Henry Dana about his experience as a sailor.

Answer _____

8. Robert E. Lee's horse.

Answer _____

9. Site of the O.K. Corral and Boothill.

Answer _____

ANSWERS: 1. The twist. 2. "The Twilight Zone." 3. Tucker, Sophie. 4. Twain, Mark. 5. Triple Crown. 6. "Trees." 7. "Two Years Before the Mast." 8. Traveler. 9. Tombstone, Ariz.

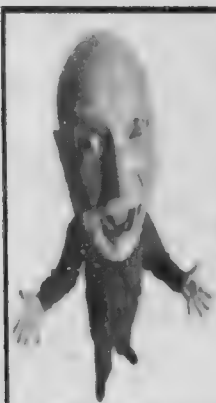
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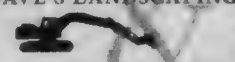
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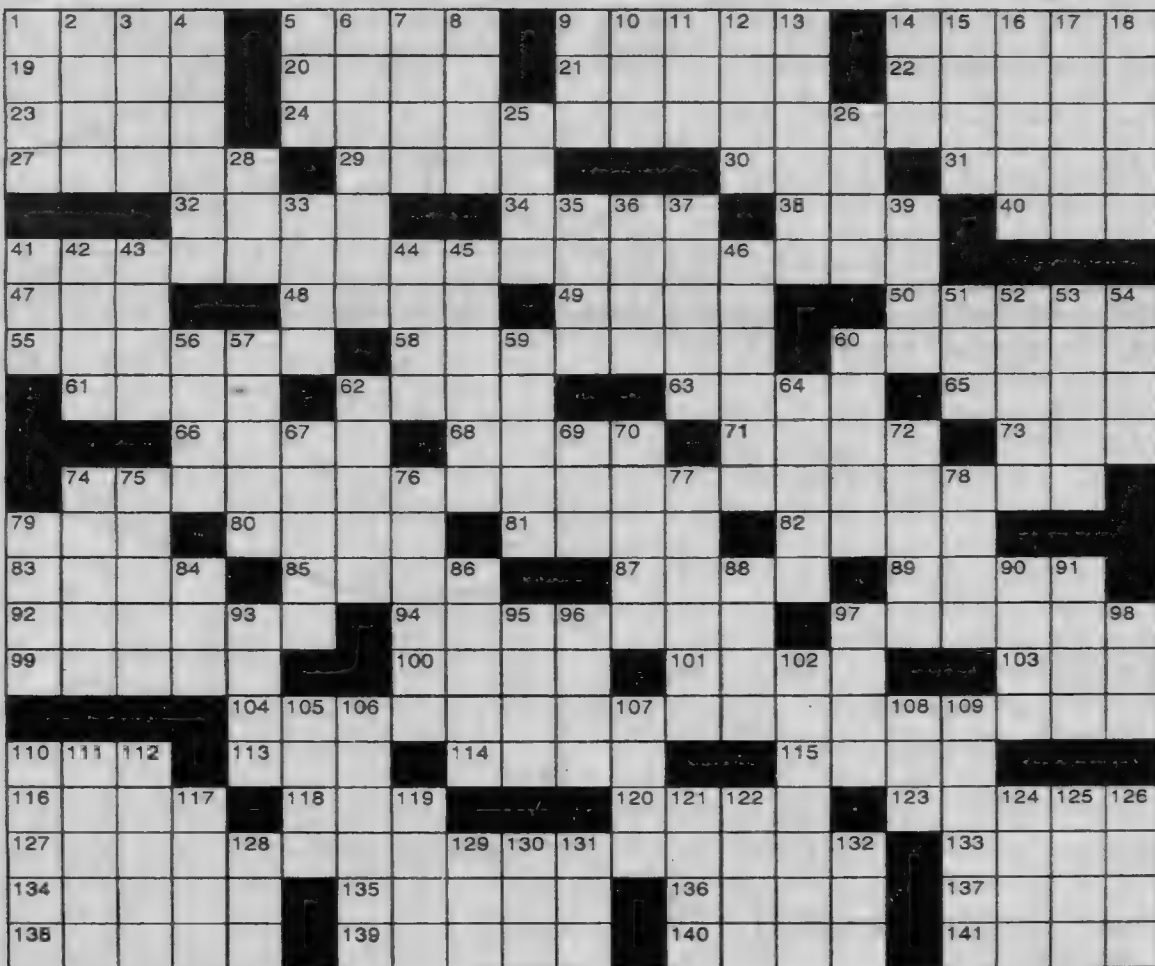
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DEATH NOTICES

Frank Young

Passed away peacefully at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Saturday, June 20, 2009 at the age of 79. Husband of Josephine Young, Father of Dianne (Ron) Broderick of Oshawa, Frank (Anne) of Oshawa, Brian (Sabina) of British Columbia, Wade (Sue) of Toronto, Michael (Kelly) of Trenton, Grandfather of 11 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Fondly remembered by his friend Bill Dixon, and by his family and friends.



Jan Shipley



Passed away peacefully at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Friday, June 19, 2009 at the age of 77. Beloved wife of the late Earl Shipley (1990). Dear mother of Rene Rodgers of Little Britain, Nancy and David Harris of Bond Head, Kathy and Kevin Westlake of Omeme. Loving Gram of Alison (Brent) Dearing, Ben Rodgers, Lauren Harris, Brittany and Earl Westlake. Dear sister of Irma Engler of Buffalo. Fondly remembered by her nieces, nephews, family and friends. Jan was a Life member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #129 Haliburton and was a very active member of the Haliburton United Church.

Verna Crego

Passed away peacefully at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay with family at her bedside on Thursday, June 18, 2009. Verna was deeply loved and will be sadly missed by family members and friends. Beloved wife of Gerald Leonard Crego (predeceased), dear mother of Paul Crego of Lindsay, David and Nancy Crego of Kinnmount, Cindy Harvey of Lindsay, Lynn Allen and Tim Bailey of Minden, Donna and Chris Kirley of Cameron, Ruth and Mike of Irondale, Tony and Kathy Crego of Burnt River, Gerald and Andrea Crego of Kinnmount. Much loved grandmother of Sarah, Allison and Shelby, Adam and John, Derek, Jamie and Michelle, Jennifer and Ryan, Alicia, Laura, Jason (predeceased), and Emily, Kristi, Kacey and Jodi, Julie, Michael and Brett, great grandmother of Hayden, Trinity, Frankie, Vanessa, Jesse, Gage, Dessaria, Owen, Megan, Malena, Aiden and Elijah. Beloved sister of Laverne and Ruby of Norland, Grace and Orville (predeceased) of Stratfordville, Max and Linda of Cobocok and Leonard and Valerie of Norland. Fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Dear sister-in-law of Gladys Bowman, Richard and Sandra Crego and Crystal and Ray Sedgwick. Predeceased by her parents George and Violet Greer, and her parents-in-law Albert and Thelma Crego.



Nelle Archer

Passed away peacefully at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on June 17, 2009. At the age of 82. Beloved wife of the late Nelson Archer (1990). Dear mother of Bessie Wright of Peterborough, Dorothy Archer, the late Robert Archer, Susan Archer all of Minden. Loving grandmother of Tim McKee (Sherry) of Bancroft and great grandmother of Amanda. Dear sister of Jack McKee of Elk Lake and predeceased by Alice, Louise and Annie.



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BASEMENT APARTMENT - In Minden for rent, close to all amenities for working person. Non smoker, no pets. \$550.00 per month. (JuneD09)

FOR RENT - New one bedroom, very bright and modern, clean and quiet in town, no smoking, \$670.00/month. Call 1-705-455-9577. (JuneD09)

COMMERCIAL SPACE FOR RENT - Suitable for Office or Retail, 550sq ft., 152 Highland Street, Haliburton. Call Michael Easton 705-457-5143. (JuneD09)

FOR RENT - Prime Retail Location, 2300 square feet at street level. Highland Street, Haliburton. Please call Peter Curry at 705-457-3771. (TFN)

FOR RENT - Apartment/Town House, 2 bedrooms, 2 bath on Hwy #121, near the Independent Grocer. \$650.00 per month plus utilities, first and last, references please. Call 705-457-2434. (TFN)

For Sale

FOR SALE - Washer and dryer works good, bought stackable set. \$300.00 for the pair or best offer. Call 705-286-3968. (JulyA09)

FOR SALE - 1978 Chevy Aristocrat Motor Home 350 Big Block engine. Good condition \$3000.00, Call 705-754-5384.

FOR SALE - One dining room table, with four captains chairs \$75.00, Home Lite Generator 8HP, 4400kw, \$600.00. Call 705-454-2311 (JulyB09)

For Sale

ADULT SCOOTER FOR SALE - Like new, firm price \$950.00, Call 705-286-1146. (JuneD09)

WOOD FOR SALE - We have 10 to 12 face cord of dry fire wood for sale; mostly Maple \$80.00 per cord, extra if delivered. Call 705-286-4668. (JulyA09)

FOR SALE - Sectional sofa, velvet dusty rose, \$100.00 o.b.o. Call 705-448-1405. (JuneD09)

FOR SALE - 1990 Ford Ranger extended cab, 140,000kms, \$500.00 o.b.o. (JuneD09)

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Wanted

FOR SALE - Beatty's Sugar Bush has a limited supply of syrup available Farm Gate. Please call 705-457-2176 before coming out to be certain that someone will be here. We are a Federally Licensed Bush and inspected annually. We have litres, 500's and 250's all packed in glass. (JulyA09)

PLAYHOUSE - SWINGS - SLIDES & MORE - Very solid construction, like new condition, 2 floor playhouse, ramp up and slide down, rock climbing wall, rope climbing wall, hang sliding bar, 3 swings with both strapped seats, kiddie bucket seats. Near South Lake road and Gelert Road, Asking \$650.00. Call 705-286-4649. (JulyA09)

Wanted

WANTED - Old or antique used furniture, one piece or whole estates bought plus clean-up of everything also cars, trucks, boats trailers if the price is right I will make you a deal on anything call Richard in Tory Hill at 448-3920. Clean up of scrap cars or metal as well. (TFN)

WANTED - Two collectors want to purchase, old hunting knives, native made pieces, Inuit carvings, old full sized wooden canoes, paddles, model canoes, duck decoys, fishing gear and other collectibles. Call 705-447-3407 or 705-447-2307(TFN)

WANTED - New or gently used baby clothes to size 2, and maternity clothes, Highlands Community Pregnancy Care Centre, Call 705-457-4673, 187 Highland Street, Haliburton. (JulyC09)

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APPRAISALS - Professional Appraisals at reasonable cost. Specializing in Oil Paintings, Watercolours, Hard Cover Books, Stamp Collections, etc. By appointment only. Daniel D. Zakaib, B.Sc., CPA-A.A. Call 705-457-1041 or 1416-987-8750. (SeptA09)

Notices

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Coming Events

ONTARIO KAYAK FISHING CLASSIC - On July 11th and 12th, amateurs and competitive anglers alike are welcome, if you enjoy fishing and have a human powered watercraft this event is for you! It is a catch and release derby, it takes place on Kashawigamog Lake; registration will be held at Kashaga Lodge. For more info please visit www.ontariokayakfishingclassic.info. Proceeds go to The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association. (JulyA09)

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Doors Open Minden

The original "Doors Open Day" took place in France in 1984. In 2000, the City of Toronto initiated the first Doors Open event in North America. Two years later, the Ontario Heritage Trust launched Doors Open Ontario, the first province-wide event of its kind in Canada. Doors Open Ontario encourages citizens to take pride in their heritage. The program highlights commercial buildings, courthouses, places of worship, gardens, natural heritage and other historic sites. From April to October each year, communities open the doors to some of their most intriguing and charming traditional locales.

As part of the Doors Open Ontario initiative, Minden opened its doors on June 20th and 21st. Residents and visitors had an opportunity to explore the architecture, hidden



Thank You!

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who attended my 90th Birthday Party last Saturday.

Thanks to my wife, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren who made the day so special. Thanks Ron for putting the party together and for all who contributed in so many ways. Thanks also to my friends and neighbours for their good wishes, cards and gifts.

I would like to say a special thank you to Johnny and Teresa Burke who opened to us "The Carpenter's Inn" where the party was held. Also to Margaret for the beautiful decorations. Johnny, the music was great.

The day was super and I will always remember it.

Thanks again and Best Wishes to all.
Grenville Draper

Lyn Winans
Photojournalist

THANK YOU CAROL & BOB!



You two have the hearts of Lions! And you are truly angels! Thank you so much for thinking of our family during this tough time. It is heartfelt and appreciated. The world is a better place because of people like you! I know my sister Gloria will feel better because of your gift. Thanks for providing her with extra friends when she really needs it.

Joanne Irvine



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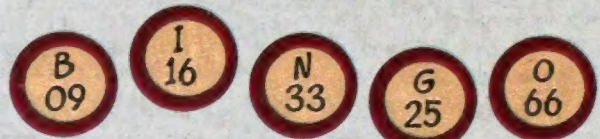
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treasures and heritage of local sites. In addition to public areas such as the museum, many places on the tour are privately owned and/or operated and generally closed to the public.

The 2009 Minden tour included the Beaver Theatre, Bunkers Hill, Campbells Garden Center, The Clergy House, Dominion Hotel, Gord A Monk Funeral Home, Irvine Double Domes, Lambs and Ivy, Limberlost, Minden Generating Station, Minden Hills Cultural Centre - Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Minden Hills Museum, R.D. Lawrence Place, Minden House Bed and Breakfast, Monk/Welch Home, Red Rock Circle, Rockcliffe Tavern, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Stefanich Home, Studio Rose, Sunny Rock Bed & Breakfast, Twelve Mile Lake Church, Wild Orchid Thai Cuisine/Gambell's Antiques, Wild Swan Bed & Breakfast Inn and Wintergreen Maple Syrup and Pancake Barn. ■

Haliburton County Walks and Rolls!

Congratulations to the 117 individuals who participated in the second Haliburton County Commuter Challenge, May 31 – June 6! Eighteen workplaces were represented, and individuals walked, cycled and ran – to work and to other destinations! This year we also had a few families participating, using active transportation to go to places like school and parks.

Total distances travelled in a day by any individual ranged from 1 km to 100 km. The idea of the Commuter Challenge is to encourage people to try it out, even once. And that's what many people did, trying out manageable things like parking 1 km or less from work and walking in. No matter what the distance, it is the effort that counts, with the benefit of gaining some physical activity and reducing some or all of a car trip.

Congratulations to the following workplaces:

Butera Dentistry, which had 100% participation, and won in the category of workplaces with 1 to 6 employees.

County of Haliburton, with 40% participation, winning the category of 7 to 24 employees
Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, with 56%, winning the category of 25+ employees

The furthest total distance accumulated by a workplace was 692.5 km by Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, followed closely by JDH Elementary School with a total of 659.5 km.

And congratulations to the following individuals:

Rob Meyers, teacher at CHIMO, who cycled a total of 336 km

Jessica – Stephens, Patient News, who walked a total of 48 km

Honorable mentions go to Brian Mulholland, County of Haliburton, cycled 270 km, and Erin Kennedy, JDH Elementary School, who walked 40 km.

The total distance travelled actively in Haliburton County was 3897 km, up from a total of 2476 km last year. This saved 1091 kg of CO2 emissions (280 g/km, based on average emissions released by a 2004 Chevrolet Cavalier 4 door sedan, 2 litre 4 cylinder). It also saved approximately 311 litres of gas (using 8L/100km), or about \$305.50 (at .98/L). Small distances add up!

Many thanks to the County of Haliburton, who provided great prizes through a grant from the Ministry of Transportation. Congratulations to all who participated! It's good for your health, the environment and your wallet! We hope that you will continue to use active ways to commute throughout the year!

Submitted by Sue Shikaze
Health Promoter, HKPR District Health Unit

Lily is at the MEAC, and Looking for a Home.

Lily is about one year old. She is a tortoise shell coloured cat with medium length hair. She came to MEAC with two large lacerations under her tail that were infected and painful. She recovered quickly with treatment.

She has been spayed, vaccinated, and de-wormed. She is such an affectionate, sociable cat who would make a great pet for any household. She has been looking for a home for over two months now. Could you be the right person for her? Call the Minden Animal Hospital for adoption information at 286-2919. ■



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GEORGE STREET - \$79,000



This three bedroom home would make a great starter or rental unit, 800 sq ft of living space. Home features a main floor laundry, forced air oil heating, large eat-in kitchen, spacious living room with a covered porch. Walk to the village of Haliburton.

David Lee * 286-1234 ex. 231

NORLAND - \$249,000



Spacious country home, living room and kitchen combo have Hemlock floors, front propane fireplace. Large 4 pce ensuite, partially finished basement has 2 good sized bedrooms, a rec room with bar & 3 pce bath. Large insulated and heated dble garage. C2 zoning. 'Chip Truck' for an additional \$15,000.

David Lee * 286-1234 ex. 231

CRANBERRY LAKE - \$354,000



This large 3 bedrm home sits on a level lot with a big lake view and sand shore. Located minutes from 'Sir Sam's Area' Snowmobile trails are close by and skating on the lake out front. Year round access on municipal road. Huge living room and dining room with patio doors. Spacious master bedroom with ensuite.

Tom Gardner * 286-1234 ex. 224

CRYSTAL LAKE - \$149,000



Renovated three bedroom cottage with deeded access to Crystal Lake. Features: drilled well, heated line, fully winterized, full basement, small barn for storage, dock space available. Great beach. Great for ATV or snowmobile. Large 2 acre lot.

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HIGHWAY 35 - \$49,000



Excellent building lot on Highway 35 with access to 12 Mile Lake across Highway 35 - driveway in - drilled well - septic approval.

Ed Gibbons * 286-1234 ex. 225

STOUFFER STREET - \$175,500



Nice clean two bedroom plus den and a sun room. Single car garage, fully serviced lot. Approximately 1200 sq. feet of living space, 4 pce & 3pce bath. Walking distance to all town amenities.

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SOUTH LAKE - \$279,900



Enjoy year round living with over 300 feet frontage on South Lake. Large sunken living room, open concept kitchen/dining area, walk-out to deck overlooking lake. Basement offers potential for additional bedrooms and or family room, and has walk-out to beach area. Just 10 minutes to town.

Al Mayo * 286-1234 ex. 233

MINDEN LAKE - \$374,900



'Viceroy' style 4 season, 3 bedrm, 1.5 washrm on Minden Lake just outside Minden Village. Gentle sloping lot with yr round access, circular gravel driveway, sand rippled beach and new dock system. Cathedral ceilings, wood airtight stove and walkout to deck, wood kitchen, spacious bedrooms.

Al Mayo * 286-1234 ex. 233

KABAKWA (PEACH) - \$449,900



Exceptional 3 bedroom and den cottage/home with 307 feet frontage on a pristine lake. Very private with western exposure. Bunkie and metal storage shed. Propane Fireplace and main floor laundry. Natural lot with no grass to cut. Viceroy style with low E windows.

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BASELINE LINE - \$224,900



150 acre of prime land ideal for farming development small hunt camp included in property this is a one of a kind property.

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SWINSON ROAD - \$139,900



This three bedroom family home is situated on a very private 3 acre lot and yet is close to all amenities, and has Bell high speed internet available - not to mention being on the school bus route. Near many lakes and trails, a short ride to Kinmount or 10 minutes to Minden. Don't miss this bungalow opportunity!

Lindsay Elder ** 286-1234 ex. 223 or 457-5878

CALL TODAY!



Please call me for a no cost, no obligation home or cottage evaluation

Lindsay Elder ** 286-1234 ex. 223 or 457-5878

MOORE LAKE COTTAGE - \$379,900



If you are looking for a cottage within 2 hours of the GTA then this one is for you. A level lot and sand beach compliment this 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom cottage. For those cool evenings and fall days you can sit by the floor to ceiling stone fireplace for warmth and ambience. ENJOY!!

Call Patti or Hal at 705-457-0819 or 457-7538

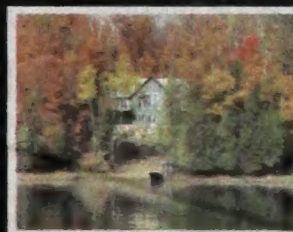
VACANT LOT - \$89,900



What a great place to build your dream home or cottage - boat into town or into Gull Lake - there is also sandy shoreline for swimming - hydro & bell available at the lot line.

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WHITE LAKE - \$619,900



Custom designed and built home or cottage. Custom cherry cabinets, river rock fireplaces, vaulted ceilings, windows from floor to ceiling, large 3 car garage and workshop and private sand shoreline with great southern views are just a few of the highlights of this peaceful, elegant yet cozy property.

Lorri Roberts * 457-2414 ext. 43

OLD CAMERON RD. - \$30,000



1.41 ACRE back lot on private road off Highway 35 and Sandy Bay Road - nicely treed building lot - old dug well on property - walking distance to Gull Lake.

Susan Johnson * 457-2414, ext. 44

MAPLE LAKE - \$159,900



Gently sloping lot with year round access. Boat in to 3 lakes. Over 2 acres of privacy with 200 feet of good shoreline. Driveway installed. Trust schedule must accompany all offers.

Debbie Cumber * 457-2414 ext. 24

CONTAU LAKE - \$199,900



350 feet of water frontage on Contau Lake with over 81 acres of hardwood bush. Build your weekend getaway or year round dream home. Easy access to snowmobile and ATV trails. Great fishing and hunting.

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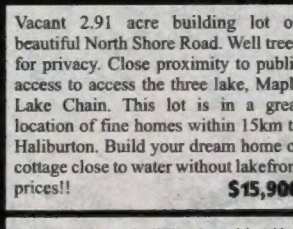
MCCUE LAKE VIEW - \$138,900



3 bedrm home. Sunset views across McCue Lake from large sunroom. OFSC Rail Trails, playground and lake across the road. Refinished original hardwood flooring, colonial trim Newly renovated. Built-in appliances and stone fireplace airtight. Take your boat to McCue Lake and enjoy the fishing!

Chris & Michelle Smalarz * 457-2414 ext. 22

NORTH SHORE LOTS



Vacant 2.91 acre building lot on beautiful North Shore Road. Well treed for privacy. Close proximity to public access to access the three lake, Maple Lake Chain. This lot is in a great location of fine homes within 15km to Haliburton. Build your dream home or cottage close to water without lakefront prices!!

\$15,900

Chris & Michelle Smalarz * 457-2414 ext. 22

PRIVATE PARCEL - \$254,900



Private level 11 acre parcel with wooded treed back portion. 3 miles from town, lake access area. 1,344 sq. ft. 3+1 bedrm Viceroy style home on a full walkout lower level. Cathedral pine ceilings, fireplace, solid wood kitchen, lower level rec areas, central vac & central air, decking, detached 24' x 32' garage.

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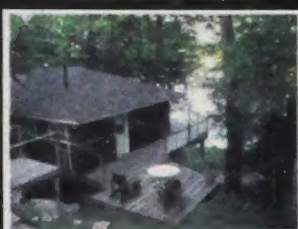
KUSHOG LAKE - 400,000



4 season home/cottage on Oliver Rd on Kushog Lake. Gentle sloping lot with west exposure, clean sand shoreline and deep water at docks end. Paved access, lakeside decking and docking. 3 bedrm home, partially finished basement approx. 2,000 sq. ft. Gorgeous screened 'Haliburton Room', pine kitchen, wood stove, and recreation room.

Susan Johnson * 457-2414, ext. 44

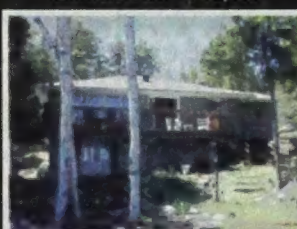
KENNISIS LAKE - \$387,000



Kennisis Lake with sand and deep water. Bring the toys and start the fun. 4 season cottage with 3 bdr, hardwood floor, many other upgrades. Garage has heated floors so hubby can work in comfort. Large deck for entertaining with ease.

Gloria Carnochan or Cindy Muenzel * 754-1932

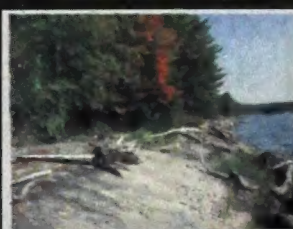
KENNISIS LAKE - \$479,000



Sun all day here at this 3 bdr 2 bath cottage on a fairly level lot. Many recent upgrades done so bring the groceries and kids and enjoy the summer. Sand and deep water for all kinds. There is even a large garage for dad.

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KENNISIS LAKE - \$149,900



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Anthony vanLieshout** 457-2414 ext. 27

OUTLET BAY - \$219,900



Outlet Bay access, near Haliburton Village. Shared waterfront. 1,600 sq. ft. 3 bedrm, 2 bath. Oak kitchen, pine doors, main flr laundry, cathedral ceiling and Napoleon propane airtight, master bedroom with ensuite, large screened porch, upgraded septic, generator back-up, drilled well.

Anthony vanLieshout** 457-2414 ext. 27

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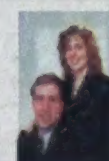
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